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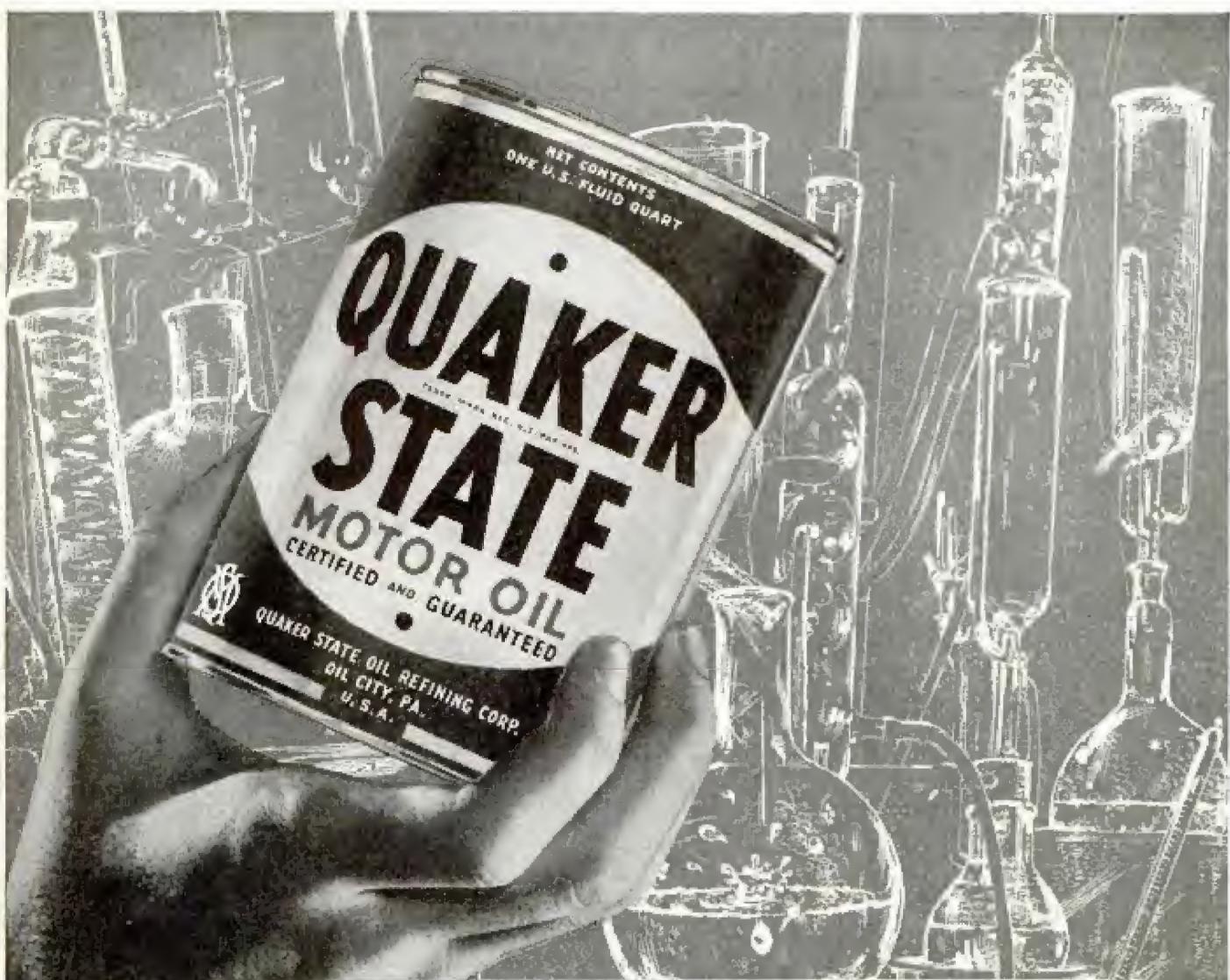


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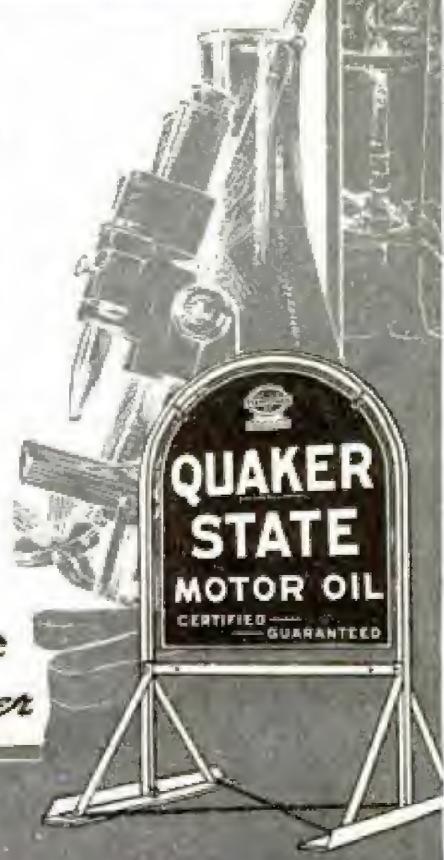
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THROUGH the gates of a Detroit automobile plant rolls a phantom caravan—cars without names or other identifying insignia. They are next year's models in disguise and are headed for the world's greatest proving ground, America's 3,000,000 miles of highways. At the steering wheels are the "hell drivers," keen-eyed professionals prepared to push these glistening cars mercilessly, day after day, up and down mountains, across deserts, through mud, pounding over gravel, struggling through sand. In three weeks, the cars, muddy and travel-stained, will speed home. Weary drivers will climb out. But there will be no rest for the phantom fleet. A fresh crew will step in, and back on the road it will go for another beating. The road test, however, is only part of the punishment new models must survive as you'll find next month when you read the first of two articles on "The Phantom Fleet of the Highway."

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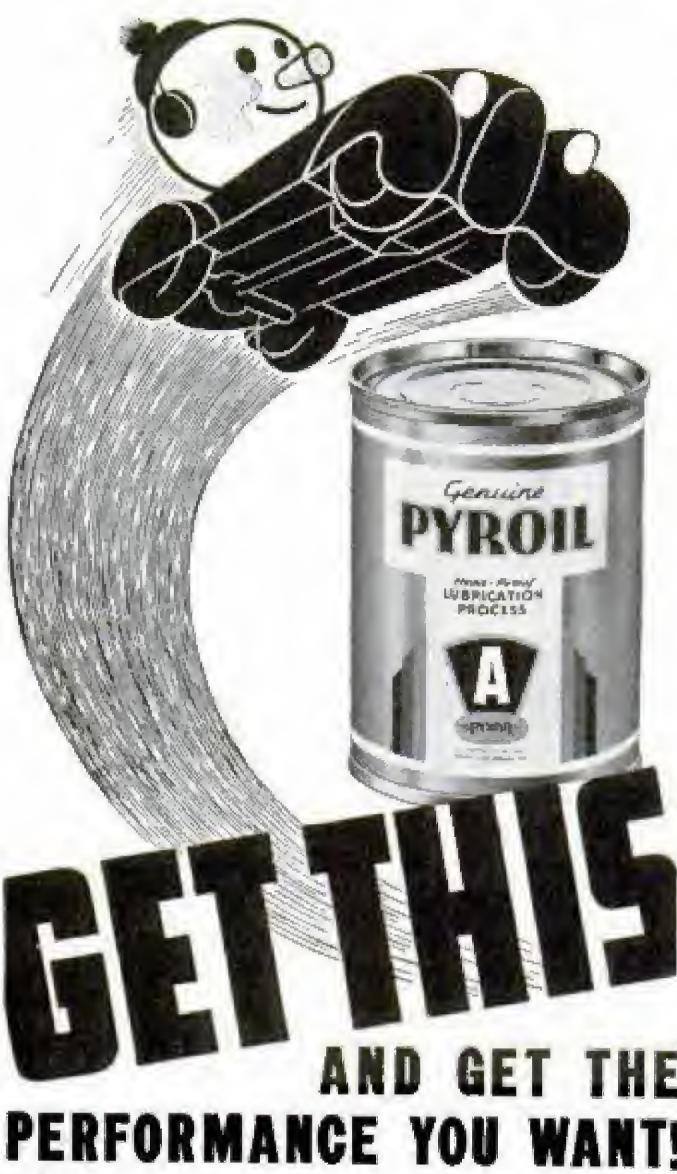
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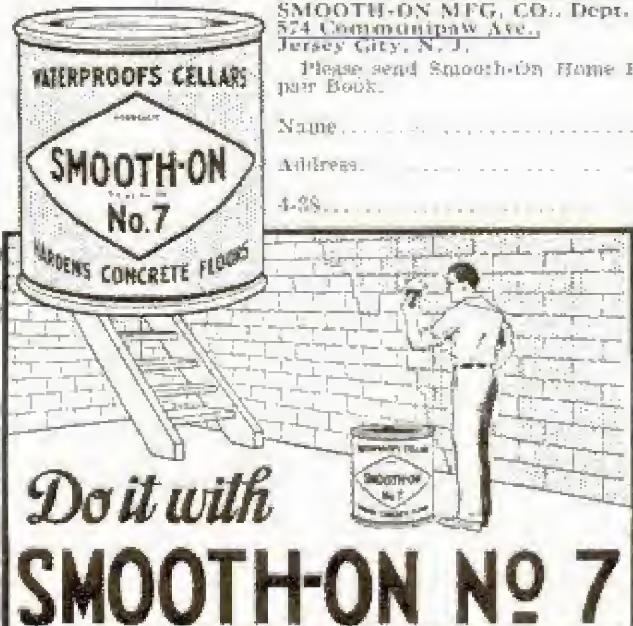
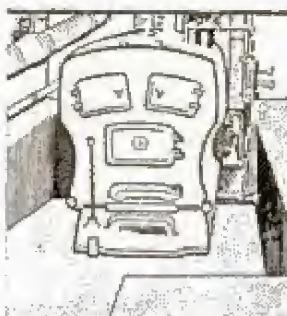
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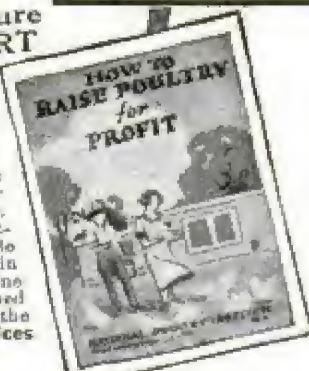
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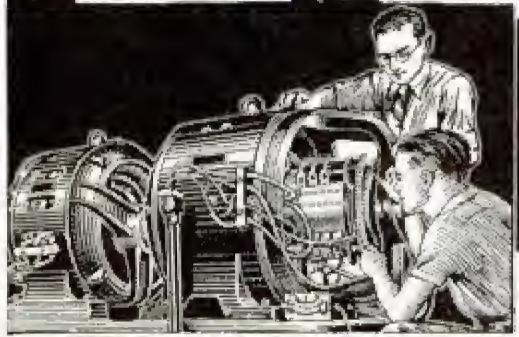
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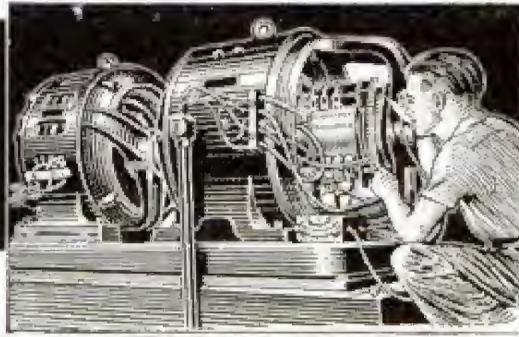


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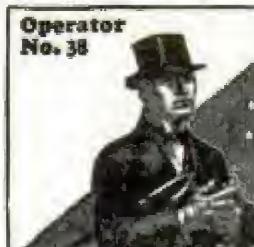


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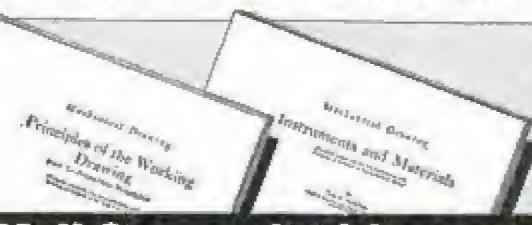
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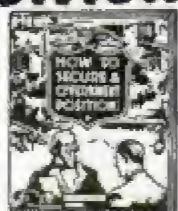
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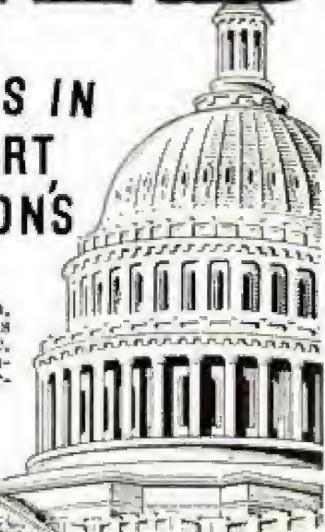
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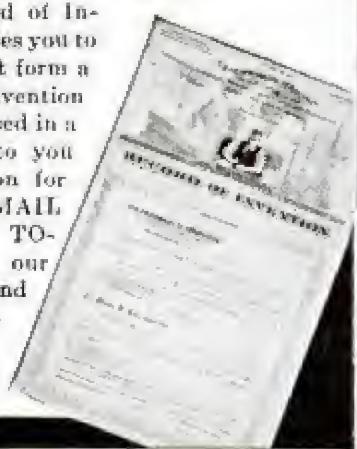


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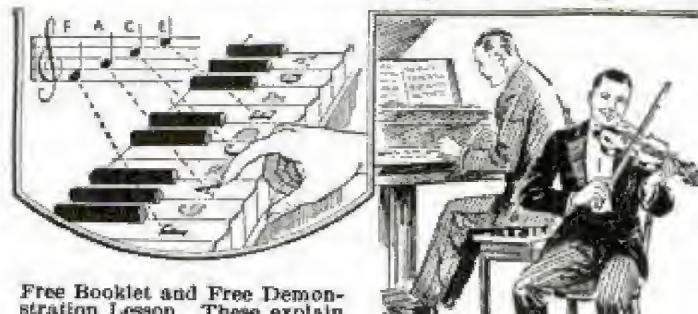
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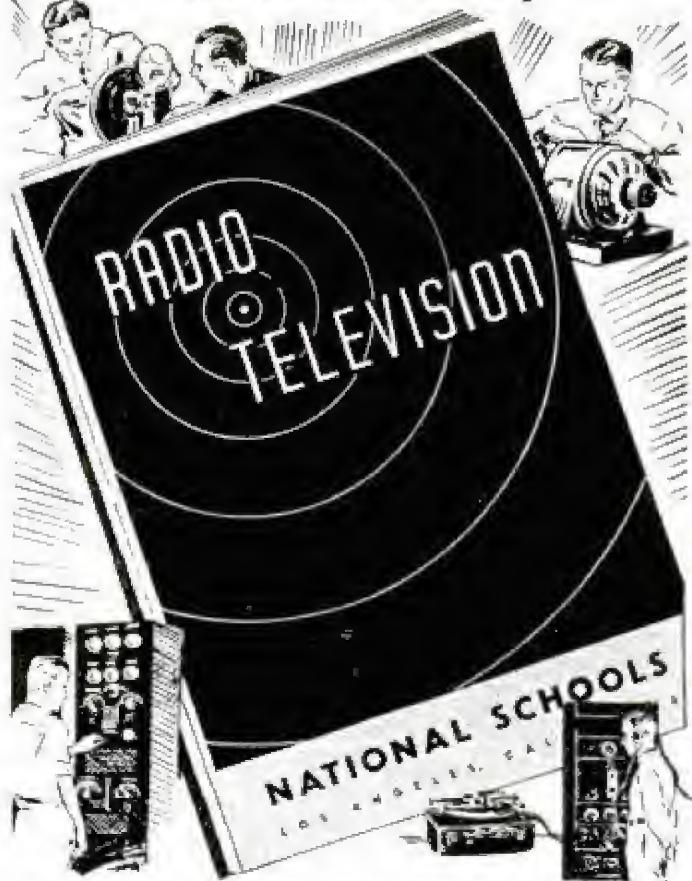
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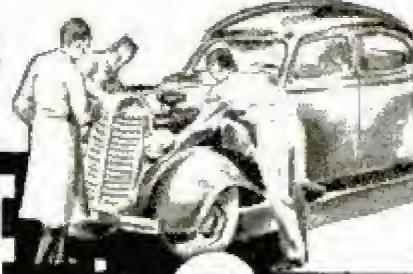
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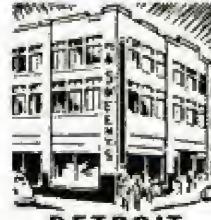
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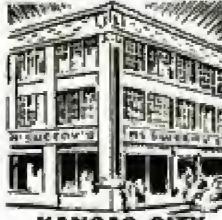
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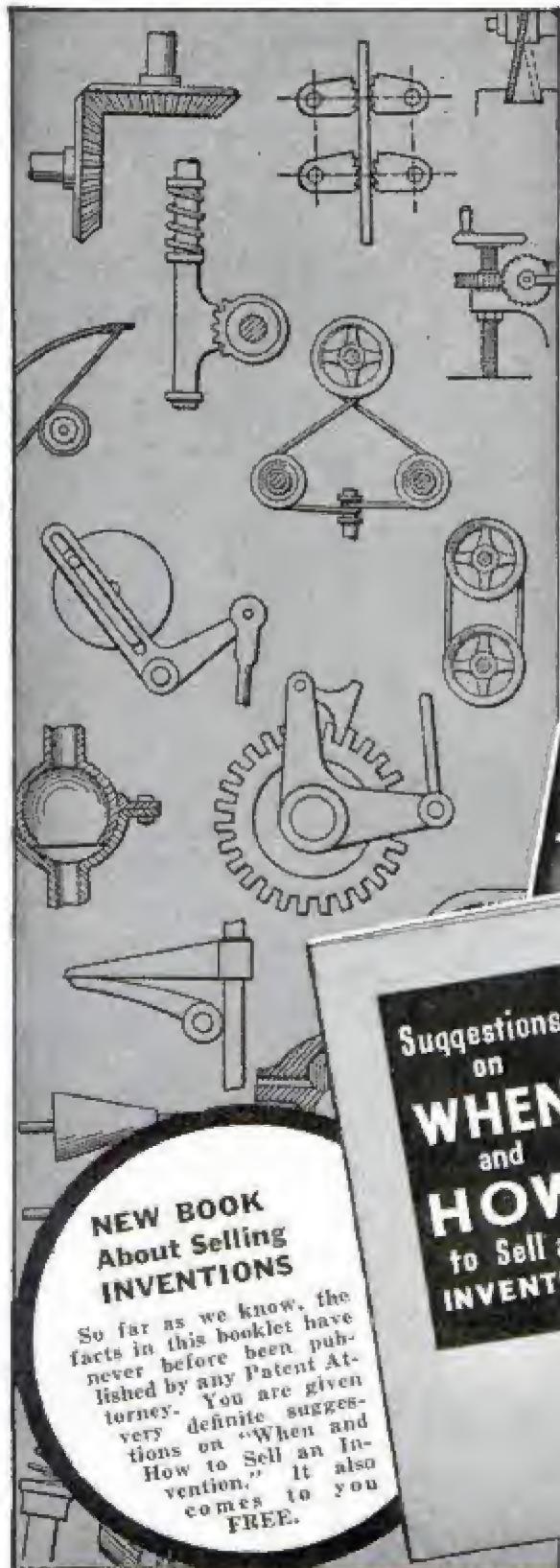
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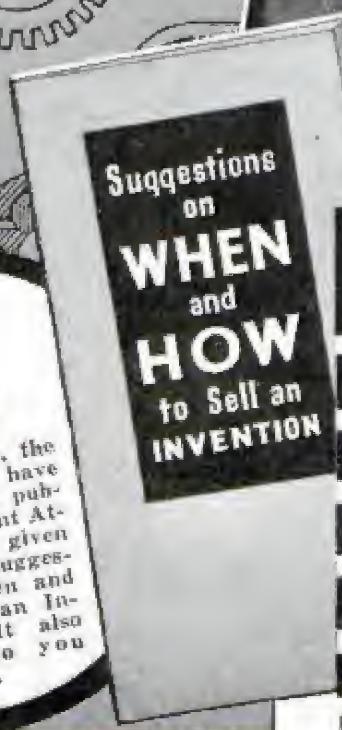
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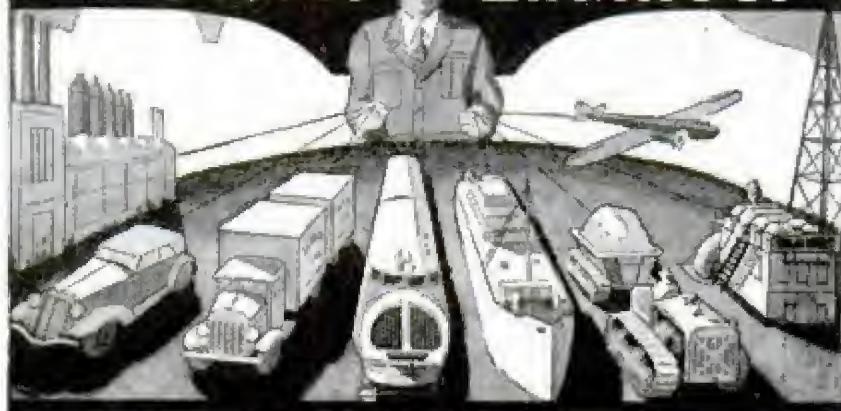
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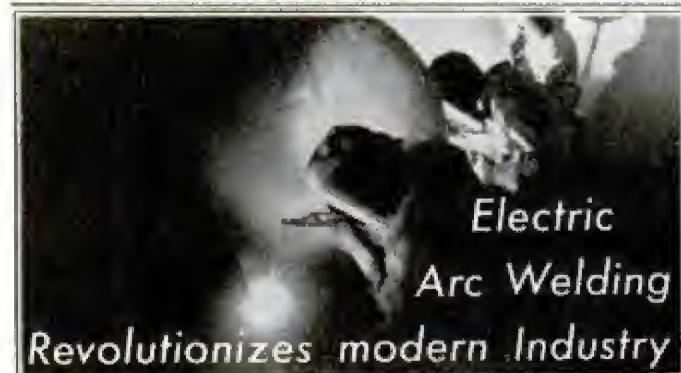
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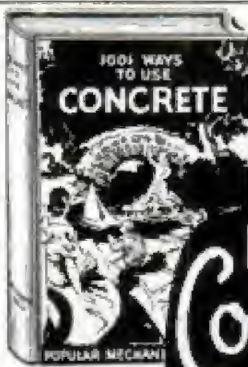
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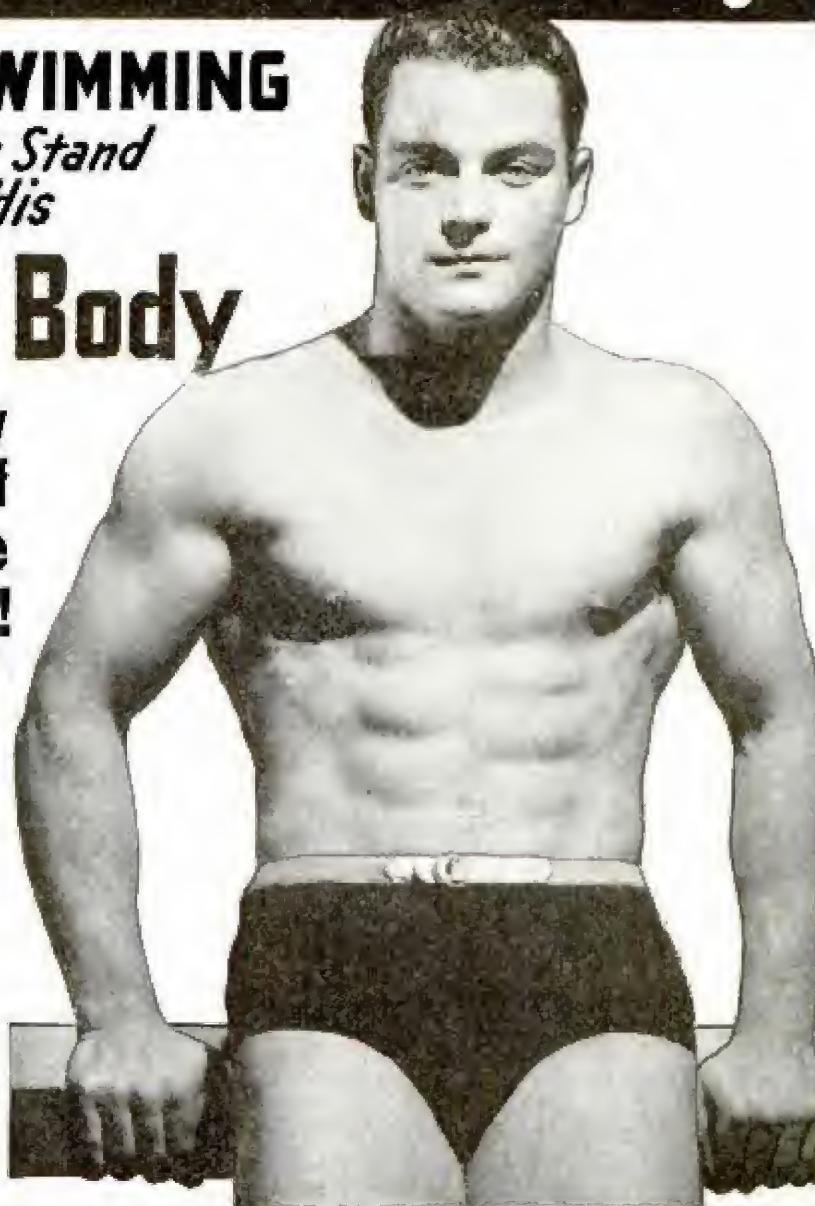
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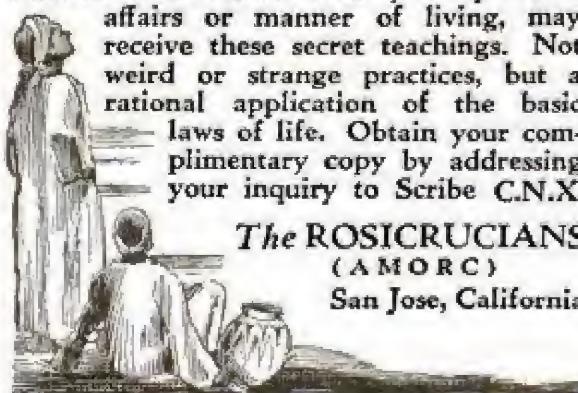
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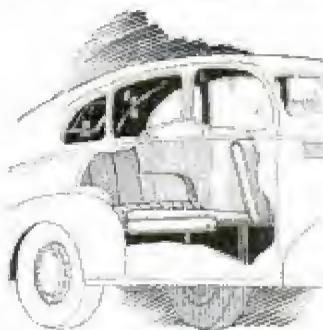
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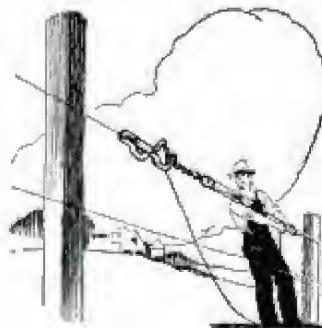
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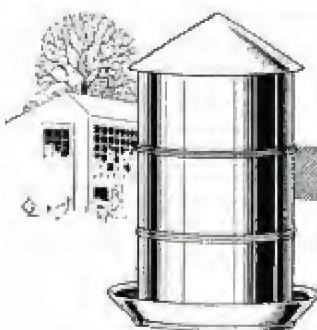


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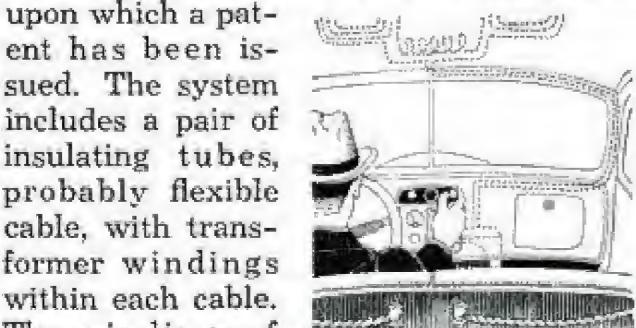
the bottom. Means is provided for letting water out of the reservoir into the trough as it is needed. A cover on the reservoir prevents contamination of the water.

POSSIBLY pointing the way to the rear-engine automobile is a recently patented engine-cooling system. Should the motor be placed in a compartment at the rear, the radiator would be positioned in the lid of the compartment. The system

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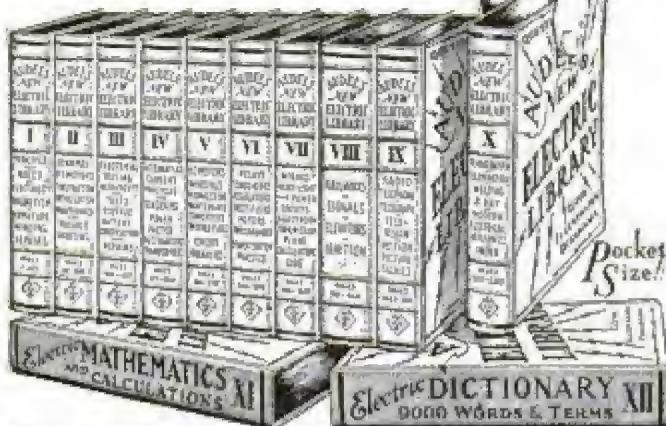
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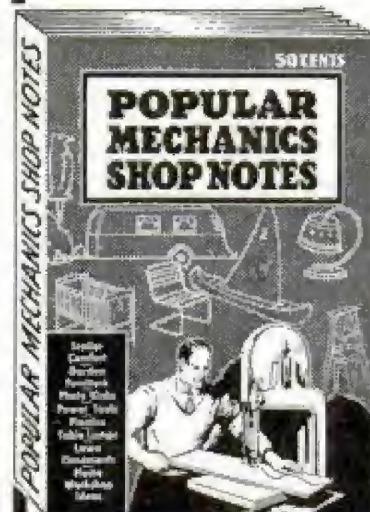
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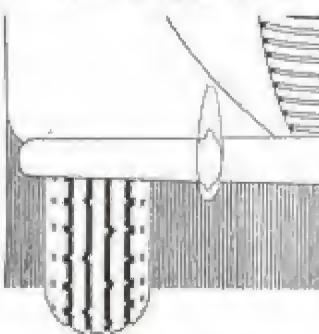
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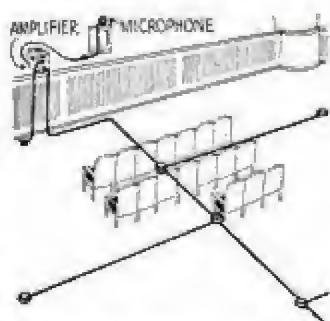
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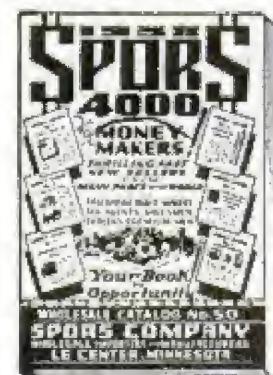
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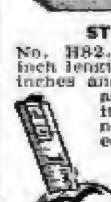
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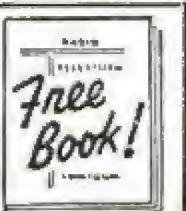
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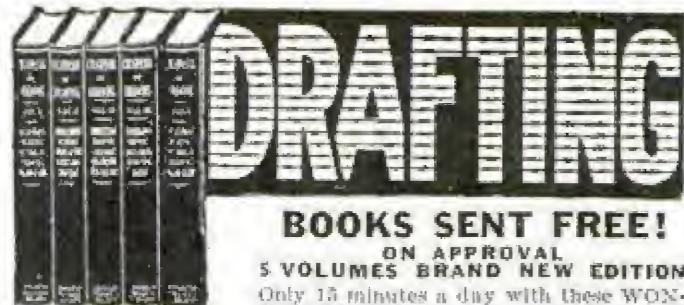
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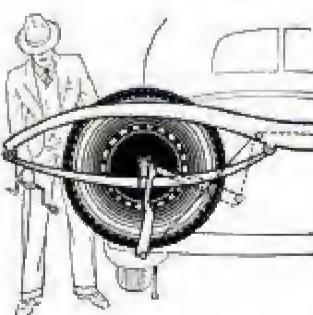
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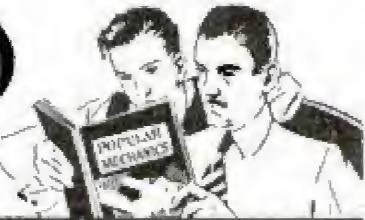
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MONEymaking OPPORTUNITIES

"**SPARETIME** Roads to Riches," explains hundreds new easy moneymaking opportunities, 10c. Lewis Co., 828-M Carpenter, Oak Park, Illinois.

MAKE Photo rings at home! New easy way to big money! Everyone wants gold or silver plated rings with picture of loved one enshrined in gem-like setting. We supply everything. Low cost—tremendous profits. Photo Jewelry Company, Dept. A-200, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MAKE Beautiful glass and illuminated signs, emblems, picture-mounts, mirror silvering. No brush or lettering skill required. Cheney Signs, 325 Ohio, Wichita, Kansas.

SCORES Of money-making opportunities await you. Information for stamp. James, Box 1436, Long Beach, California.

350 NEW Ideas for making money. 96 page book postpaid 25c. New Idens, 101 Hudson Street, New York City.

BIG Profit formulas and trade secrets. Lists free. Hayes, 80 E. 18th, Chicago.

YOU'LL Like resilvering mirrors, auto-parts, reflectors, making chipped glass signs. Write. Sprinkle, Plater, 287, Marion, Indiana.

DIME Brings copy National Mail Order News. Three months 25c. Box 1773-PM4, Roanoke, Virginia.

1,000,000 ARTICLES Wholesale. Directory 10c. Jeismith, 163 Myrtle, Waltham, Mass.

EARN \$50-\$100 Weekly. Permanent advertising business at home. Biggest idea yet! No experience. Little capital. Exclusive rights. Pennysaver, Penn Yan, N. Y.

YEAR 'Round Income. Satisfaction assured. No canvassing. Good's, Paragould, Ark.

HOME Industry Guild needs you. Write for money-making offer. Coleman's Service, Smithboro, N. Y.

HUNDREDS Of home moneymaking opportunities. Details 3c. Sanvoy, Arlington, Kentucky.

\$10.00 DAILY Stamping names on key checks. Outfits furnished. Sample. Name-address 25c. Bohn Co., Box 86-A, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

EARN Money at home—electrifying clocks, cleaning clocks, watches, jewelry. Send only 25c for full instructions and formula. Improved cleaning solution. William T. Reif, 44 Main Street, Lockport, N. Y.

HOME Industries, forty pages, subscription 10c. Melotz, Publisher, Benson, Nebr.

"NEW Opportunities Budget" of money-making information. Only 10c. Roberts-co, Frenchburg, Ky.

TURN Spare time into cash with typewriter! Addressing envelopes, mailing circulars, typing! Dime brings information, none free. Ace PMB, 322 Empire, Birmingham, Ala.

MAKE Money! Dime brings Golden Opportunities Magazine; dozens moneymaking offers. Southeastern Publishers, Monroe, North Carolina.

"NEWEST Mail proposition"! Different! Safe! Profitable! Food concentrates, vitamins, endocrines. "6000 word folio," Samples, dime. Gardena Institute, 128B, Station "S," Los Angeles.

MONEY In butterflies, moths. See Sinclair Display Advertisement on page 14A.

MONEY In milk delivery; year around job, depression-proof, few lay-offs; learn how from The Milk Salesman magazine, only milkmen's instruction of its kind; 5x7 inches, 16 pages monthly; used by big dairies to train routemen. 5 back issues postpaid only \$1.00; none free; year's subscription \$3.50. Send at once. Best trained men get choicest routes. The Milk Salesmen, Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Penna.

START Now! Make money casting book ends, plaques, etc. 1c material makes 25c seller. Sample of necessary materials, rubber mold, full instructions only \$1.00. Plastic Arts, Box 26, Homewood, Ala.

\$25.00 A DAY Plan 50c. Details 3c stamp. Chas. Powzer, 426½ N. Beaudry, Los Angeles, Calif.

GET Money by mail; 100 smart secrets and Lucky Breaks Monthly, one year; all \$1. Postoffice Box 4, Indianapolis, Ind.

SWAP & Sell magazine. "The Nation's Market Place." Get the things you want without paying for them. Magazine prints your ads free. Sample copy 10c. Swap & Sell, 99M Hudson Street, New York City.

GUARANTEED Moneymaking mail business. 25c brings information, sample. Sharpley, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

300 TESTED Moneymakers. 64 page book, 10c postpaid, business secrets, formulas, wholesale supply sources, galore. Book has no ads, meat only. Moneyback if dissatisfied. National Plans Institute, 246M Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NEW UNUSUAL Opportunity spare time, \$350.00 month. Permanent. Different. Fascinating. Particulars free. Leadway Service, 30 N. LaSalle, Chicago.

BE Independent! Huge profits with cheese coated popcorn. Easily prepared at home. Complete instructions \$1.00. Liberty Sales Co., Bellingham, Illinois.

NOW Make money! A \$1.00 magazine (4th year), filled with schemes, tips, business opportunities, formulas, sent six months for only 30c. "Schemer Monthly," Alliance, Ohio.

HOW And where to obtain capital fully explained. free particulars. Star Service, Wapakoneta, Ohio.

GET Dollar bills in your mail daily. Nearly all profit. Particulars free. Homecraft Arts, Lakeside, Calif.

SELL By mail; big profits; free literature. Hunt Products, 49 Edgemere, Trenton, N. J.

STOP Squealing—Start crowing! Work mornings home—country drives or movies—afternoons! No canvassing! Folio-A, Station "D," Los Angeles.

SELL By mail—"Mailorder Digest" tells how. Copy 10c. 126 Cannons, Louisville, Kentucky.

MILLIONS Jobless! Get dollars in mail daily, like we do, for amazing employment information. Keep money; we fill your orders free. Stamp brings details. Co-Operative Service, 77 Swan, Buffalo, N. Y.

AUTHENTIC Prosperity plans bring \$8.75 daily. Start on \$1.25. Literature free. Direct mail. Box 344, Summit, New Jersey.

PROFIT In vegetables, flowers, using chemicals. Remarkable yields. Proven formulas. Chemicals for 48 gallons solution. Instructions \$1.00 postpaid. Quiet Growth, Hollywood Sta., Box 648, California.

START Mailorder business. Details free. Pederson, 1809½ East Fifth, Duluth, Minn.

MAN In each town to plate auto parts, reflectors, bicycles, fixtures, mirrors, by late method. Simple plan of manufacturing at home starts you in good paying business. Free particulars and proofs. Gunmetal Co., Ave. N, Decatur, Ill.

RAISE Earthworms for profit. Information free, stamp appreciated. Bureau Zoological Research, 106A Broadway, Peoria, Ill.

MOULDS, Guaranteed, for casting toy soldiers, Indians, trappers, warships, sinking moulds, 244 kinds. Send 5c for illustrated catalogue. Henry C. Schlercke, 645 Spencer, Ghent, N. Y.

WHOLESALE Sources, 500,000 articles. Free directory. Maywood, 925 Broadway, New York.

107 PLANS For making \$20-\$100 weekly in home or office business of your own. Descriptive booklet free. Elite Co., 214 Grand St., New York.

LIKE To draw? Earn steady income tracing and duplicating advertising cartoons. Ad-Service, Argyle, Wis.

FORMULAS, PLANS, ETC.

ALUMINUM Solder. Apply with soldering iron. Requires no flux—30c. Guaranteed. Ricketts, Box 749, Lubbock, Texas.

THIRTY Profitable formulas. Guaranteed. Quarter. Woerner Formulae, 70 St., Glendale, Long Island.

PERFECTED Formulas free with service and problems solved, 25c. Alembic Laboratories, Chemists and Chemical Engineers, Box 1277, Chicago, Illinois.

GUARANTEED Formulas—New fast sellers. None better. Lowest prices. Catalog free. Kemico, 498, Park Ridge, Ill.

FORMULAS. All kinds. Wickesser, 114 12th Ave., Newark, New Jersey.

SOILLESS Plant culture. Raise tomatoes, potatoes, flowers, etc. in shallow tank of water containing 21 chemicals. Tomato vines 20 feet, bear for year, 30 pounds per vine, quality better than soil grown. Instructions, formula \$1.00. Purdy's Chemicals, 1852 E. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles.

CHEMICAL Analysis. Practical formulas. Ideas developed. Associated Chemists, Indianapolis, Indiana.

10 PROVEN Money-making formulas 50c coln. Broukins, Box 82, Stoneham, Mass.

MONEY Making formulas. Dime stamps brings list. Paul Bumbal, 735 East 163rd Street, Bronx, New York.

STAMP Brings free instructions for making fastest selling, big profit products. No formulas needed. Concentrated Products, Dept. 1591, Tampa, Florida.

SOLDER Iron and steel formula 50c. Ernest Isaacson, Wataga, Ill.

ENTER Your own business. 15 sure-fire money making formulas; including "Luminous Paint" in 5 different colors; mirror silvering; repeatedly igniting match, etc. \$1.00. Additional formulas, 5 for 50c. Victor, 15532 W. Warren, Detroit, Mich.

ANALYSIS. Research. Newest guaranteed formulas. Biggest catalog free. Special prices, leads. Gibson Laboratory, Chemists, BD-1142 Sunnyside, Chicago.

LUCKY Seven money making formulas, own your own business, become independent, money back guarantee. Send 25c silver. Plan Distributors, No. 904 Faxon, Memphis, Tenn.

THREE Dimes brings 101 hygrade formulas. Household, cosmetics, remedies. Helpall, 21 Gerard Ave., North Plainfield, New Jersey.

PROFIT With your products. Learn how. VG Chemical, Box 4651, Pittsburgh, Penna.

MEN! Shave without razor! Send 25c for formula for self-shaving soap. Carl Oreliner, 5112 N. Oakley Ave., Chicago, Ill.

FORMULAS! Best produced for exceptional popular necessities. All lines. (Not stock-formula catalog stuff.) Get these unusual offers—stamp brings them. Miller, Manufacturers' Chemist, Tampa, Florida.

100 MONEYMAKING Formulas 25c. Descriptive literature free. Harvey Teeple, Decatur, Ind.

THAXLY Formulas for perfect products. Accurate analysis assured. Resultful research. Catalog free. B. Thaxly Co., Washington, D. C.

MAKE Your own products. Employ agents yourself. Toilet articles, soap, extracts. We furnish everything. Valuable book free. National Scientific Laboratories, 1950W Broad, Richmond, Va.

FORMULAS. Latest money makers. Literature free. Belfort, 4042 N. Keeler, Chicago.

CHEMISTRY

CHEMICALS, Glassware, apparatus, instruments. Leading laboratory supply house offers scientific supplies of professional quality at lowest prices. Send 3c postage for free illustrated catalogue and latest chemical price-list. New York Scientific Supply Co., Dept. 15, 111 E. 22nd St., New York City.

FREE Chemical, apparatus catalog. Guaranteed lower prices. Meshna, Malden, Mass.

CHEMICALS, Laboratory glassware, apparatus. Send 3c for catalog CPI. Biological Supply Company, 1176 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.

ANALYSIS. Research. Newest guaranteed formulas. Biggest catalog free. Special prices, leads. Gibson Laboratory, Chemists, CT-1142 Sunnyside, Chicago.

CHEMISTRY. Biology, mineralogy supplies, microscopes, telescopes. Catalog free. Teeko, Evanston, Ill.

RUBBER Latex. Dime brings literature, twenty experiments. Eastern Latex Labs., Box 55, Canton, Mass.

HANDBOOK For chemical experimenters, hundreds of experiments. Illustrated. 50c. Experiment booklet. 15c. Chemical catalogue, 10c. Reading Scientific Co., Reading, Penna.

FREE Chemistry catalog. Supplies at 5c! Equip complete laboratory. Send 3c for postage. Kemkit Scientific Corp., 397P Bridge St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

AGENTS WANTED

STARTLING Invention—Pocket adding machine. Nationally advertised \$2.50. Whirlwind seller. Big profits. Calculator Mfg. Co., Box 1118, Chicago.

RELIABLE Manufacturer offers opportunity to earn up to \$5.00 a day besides liberal monthly cash bonuses. Show complete line tailored shirts, neckwear, trousers, hose, underwear, belts, other apparel. Experience unnecessary. Full or part time. Handsome outfit free. Write today. Packard Corporation, Dept. S-392, Terre Haute, Indiana.

AGENTS! Crew managers! 62c profit on sensational 99c flavoring deals! 23 flavors! Experience unnecessary! Sample 25c. Glenwood Products, McLean, Virginia.

450% PROFIT Quick-Action automatic gas lighter. No flint. 25c seller to every home, office and restaurant. Free sample. New Method Co., Box PMG-64, Bradford, Penna.

BUSINESS Proposition: Resilvering mirrors, autoparts, reflectors, making chipped glass signs. Write, Sprinkle, Plater, 128 Marion, Indiana.

IF Interested in chipped glass name plates, numbers, checkerboards, mirrors, signs, get my Iortieth anniversary money-making offer. Illustrated literature free. E. Palmer, 512, Wooster, Ohio.

100% PROFIT. Solid perfumes, exquisite odors. Supplement your present line. Sample 25c. H. E. Kellar Company, Albert Lea, Minn.

100% PROFIT In new perfected (1938) quick-action self-starting cigar lighter. No flint or friction. No wind can blow it out. Retails 25c. Costs you \$1.75 dozen. Sample and can fluid 25c. New Method Co., Box PM-64, Bradford, Penna.

AGENTS Make bigger profits on food products, bargain deals. Low wholesale prices. Big display case sent on trial. Ho-Ro-Co., 2803-R Dodier, St. Louis, Mo.

AT Home, your own manufacturing business, making popular \$1 novelties. Cost you 3c to 15c. Everything supplied. Write So-Lo Works, Dept. D-842, Cincinnati, Ohio.

UP To \$6.00 an hour. Amazing Karnu refinishes autos like new without rubbing, polishing, waxing or painting. Inexpensive—costs little. Wipes on with cloth. Lasts 8 to 12 months. Free sample. Karnu, Dept. D-8, Cincinnati, Ohio.

MARVELOUS Han-Dee-Cloths quickly polish all metals. Rapid 25c seller. Gratifying profits. Ruskin Company, 1907 Rosemont, Cleveland.

AGENTS. Canvassers. New bluing device. Sample 10c. Blue Boy Co., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

WANTED—District purchasing agents. No experience or money required. Write Purchasing Manager, 174 N. Halsted, Chicago.

GIVEN—Packard Lekstro shaver. Make \$10 quick. Free sample card. Details. Golden Rule Co., Box 285, Altoona, Penna.

500% PROFIT Selling new 20-in-1 kitchen utensils. Retails 25c. Costs you \$1 a dozen or \$6 a gross. Sample 10c. New Method Co., PMM-64, Bradford, Penna.

NEW Kind of heat boils water instantly. Make to \$30 daily. Pocket size minute demonstration. No installation. Free offer. No investment. Write the Lux Co., Dept. B-204, Elkhart, Indiana.

MYSTEX Cuts down stocking runs. Big profits. Postal brings complete information. Becker, 22-P Hale Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEWEST Sensational souvenir. Agents sample 25c. Hobby Shop, Gaylord, Mich.

MEN—Women earn big money selling all kinds of insurance. Full or spare time. We train you and help you get started. Write Vocational Guidance Institute, Boundon, New Jersey.

MAGIC Electric brush retails \$1.50—your profit 75c. Uses static electricity. No wires, batteries or expense. Carry in your pocket, unbreakable. Send for sample and particulars. Donald Brush Co., Advertising Dept., Camden, N. J.

SELL Midget religious mottoes. Fast sellers. Novelty Signs, Stryker, Ohio.

200% PROFIT. Noknot clothes line reel sells on sight at 25c. Carl Clouser, 11 Glynn Terrace, Quincy, Mass.

MONOGRAMMING Automobiles biggest money maker today. New type requiring no varnish to apply. Write for samples. International Monogram & Transfer Co., Box 9360, Philadelphia, Penna.

EXCLUSIVE Representatives appointed. Faucet water softener. Revolutionary. Luxosoft, Sausalito, California.

AERIAL Eliminator—Tiny instrument equals 75 foot outside aerial. 10 days free trial. Tone, volume, sensitivity, reception improved or money back. Makes radio complete—move anywhere. Send \$1.00 or C.O.D. plus postage. Agents write V&R Electro, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

MONEY in butterflies, moths. See Sinclair Display Advertisement on page 14A.

COMBINATION Tool pencilknife—sharpens pencils, cuts string, opens envelopes, pipe cleaner, nailpick, etc. Sample, and novelty catalog, 10c. P. Artform Co., 1710 Undercliff Avenue, New York.

500% PROFIT. Stores, homes, patented curtain tieback holder. Beautiful sample 6c. Weldon Mfr., Maryland Heights, Mo.

500% PROFIT! Gold reflecting letters for store windows. Large sizes 1c. Free samples. Modernistic Sign, B-3004 Lincoln Ave., Chicago.

PRIVATE Brand cosmetics and toilet preparations. We print your name on the labels. 200% to 400% profit. Send for complete details and prices. National Scientific Laboratories, 1910W Broad, Richmond, Va.

INVEST \$1.00—MAKE \$25.00! You can do it, with our new, amazing easy sales plan. Selling done without high pressure or long drawn out sales talk. Prospects everywhere. Send for free, full information that shows how. Or remit dollar for sample, complete sales plan. Blue Bonnet Chemical Co., Gainesville, Texas.

NEON-LIKE Signs. 8"x14" cost 3c—retails 25c. Over 1000 designs. Catalog and sample free. Lowy, Department 803, 8 West Broadway, New York.

GET Into the grocery business. No money risk. Operate from home and clear up to \$45 first week. Not a store. Plan mailed free. Albert Mills, 6322 Monmouth, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PROFIT With new products. Make, sell, repeat. Analysis. Research. Guaranteed formulas. Biggest catalog free. Special prices, leads. Gibson Laboratory, Chemists, BD-1143 Sunnyside, Chicago.

PERMANENT, Exclusive county agents. Special household products for every home. Free goods campaigns get the customers—quality keeps them. Credit arranged. Rayburn Chemical Specialties, 5946 Eggleston, Chicago.

BIG Money spectacles, hog, poultry remedies. Snoddy's Co., St. Louis, Mo.

RAZOR Blades. Agents wanted. Big profit. Louis Eugene, 277 Broadway, New York.

SELL Made to measure raincoats. Outfit free. Goodyear Rainwear, 106 E. 19th, New York.

MAKE Big money! Give away nationally advertised \$15.00 Packard Lekstro shavers. Dime brings outfit. Liberty, Box 235, Effingham, Ill.

KNOCK Them cold deal 100% profit. Send 10 cents postage for sample outfit. Southern Supply, 1017 Seventh, Washington, D. C.

ATLAS Windown sign letters. Large sizes, penny each. Beautiful free samples. Atlas, 7941 Halsted, Chicago.

MEXICAN Curios, tremendous money-makers. Samples 10c. Marquez-P, Apartado 1176, Mexico City.

BIG Money applying initials on automobiles. Easiest thing today. Free samples. Also, sideline salesmen for name plates and tire cover transfers. "Ralco," 1305 Washington, Boston, Mass.

300% PROFIT Selling bankrupt bargain merchandise. Southerners, 164-M Henry, New York.

BIG Money taking orders; shirts, ties, hosiery, underwear, raincoats, pants, uniforms, etc. Sales equipment free! Experience unnecessary. Write Nimrod, Dept. 8, 4922-28 Lincoln, Chicago.

FREE Sample—Fast selling necessity. Kleen-Brite, Southside, Oil City, Penna.

500% PROFIT! Gold and colored sign letters for windows, offices, trucks, signs. Auto monograms. Easily applied by agent or customer. Neonite, Akron, Ohio.

AGENTS: Smash go prices! Santos coffee 12c lb., 4 oz. vanilla 8½c. Razor blades 10 for 8½c. 100 sticks chewing gum 12c. 150 other bargains. Premiums. Experience unnecessary. Carnation Co., PO. St. Louis, Mo.

GUARANTEED Gold leaf letters for store and office windows. 500% profit. Free samples. Metallic Co., 438-B N. Clark, Chicago.

BIG Money applying initials on automobiles; \$1.45 profit on each sale. Write for particulars and free samples. American Monogram Co., Dept. 40, Dunellen, N. J.

MAN In each town to plate auto parts, reflectors, bicycles, fixtures, mirrors, by late method. Simple plan of manufacturing at home starts you in good paying business. Free particulars and proofs. Gunmetal Co., Ave. H, Decatur, Ill.

SELL Novelty fun cards, novelties, etc. Samples 10c. National, Box 500M, Cincinnati.

BIG Steady weekly profits for men and women with cut price food route. More than 300 fast selling household and farm necessities. Sensational premium deals get quick cash and build profitable routes quickly. Write Bleeker, 259 E. 4th St., St. Paul, Minn.

AGENTS—To mail our literature. Good profits. Home business. Maywood, 149 Fifth Ave., New York.

SUCCEED With your products. Make-sell them. Formulas. Processes. Accurate analyses. Catalog free. B. Thaxby Co., Washington, D. C.

AGENTS—Opportunity to make money; book containing 107 successful business plans; home or office; send for free introductory booklet. Elite Co., 214 Grand St., New York.

FREE Sample—Amazing cleaner: sells homes, taverns, everywhere. Big profit—fast repeater. Betco, 5007 Irving Park, Chicago.

DO You want agents for your proposition? Your ad in this space will place your message before hundreds of men seeking fast-selling products. My folder "How to Secure Agents," is filled with proof. I'll gladly send you a copy free. F. W. Johnson, Manager Classified Advertising, Popular Mechanics Magazine, 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago.

AGENTS: Stamping names on pocket-key protectors. Sample check with your name, address. 25c. Stamping outfits. Emblem checks, check-logs, name plates. Hart Mfg. Co., 303 Degraw St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

MANUFACTURE Specialties, hire agents yourself. Big money. Free literature. Gilbert Supply, 1107-P Broadway, New York.

ENGRAVED Name plates, numbers, signs, etc., easily sold, profits large. Brett Bros., Winthrop, Mass.

HIGH-GRADE SALESMEN

CALENDAR Salesmen wanted—For liberal commissions and something new get our 1938 proposition. We introduce this year an unusual idea in commercial calendars—different, artistic and a good will builder for every business. Plus our famous embossed line for funeral directors. State experience, age and territory desired. Write Budget Press, Salem, Ohio.

SALESMEN: Sell business stationery, book matches, social security books, advertising pencils, shelf moulding, labels, salesbooks, pricing sets, tags, office supplies. Business cards \$1.50 thousand. 35% comm. daily. Free deals. Sales portfolio free. Willens, 2130 Gladys, Dept. XS, Chicago.

SALESMEN Sell suits on our easy credit plan. Free suits and pants given as bonus besides large cash profits, premiums and gifts. Sell only (5) suits to get a free suit. No limit to number of free garments you may earn. Wholesale prices \$16.95 and up. Sample line free. No experience needed to make easy sales. All garments individually cut and tailored to measure. Satisfaction or money back guarantee. Three Star Clothes, Inc., 330 South Franklin St., Dept. BA-2, Chicago, Ill.

DID You make \$50 last week? Does your job offer you real future? If not, why not start a wholesale business of your own? Little or no capital needed. Handle line 200 nationally advertised 5c-10c products. Show merchants new plan for increasing sales and profits. Handle everything from your home at start. Chance to operate one of our Silver Fleet service trucks. Facts free. World's Products Co., Dept. 4810, Spencer, Ind.

DON'T Be a job hunter—Start your own business on our capital. No hard times; no lay-offs; always your own boss. Hundreds average \$3,000 to \$5,000 annual sales year after year. Sales way up this year. We supply stocks, equipment on credit. 200 home necessities. Selling experience unnecessary. Wonderful opportunity to own pleasant, dignified, profitable business backed by world-wide industry. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. D-U-PPM, Freeport, Ill.

BEEMANS Air Vac. Cleans automobile upholstery. Sells to garages and service stations. Operates from standard air hose. Price \$7.95. Guaranteed superior in performance to any \$75.00 vacuum cleaner. Beeman Co., 46 South Broadway, Denver, Colo.

SALES Resistance? Earn dollars—not dimes. Stamp appreciated. Anderson, 4341 No. Meade, Chicago.

20,000 MILES From weak, discarded tires with Tire Armor—A selling sensation! We deliver. Liberal commission. Motor Products, 1760 Lunt, Chicago.

A SURE Cure for clogged drains. This tool sells on sight. Get a city and become independent. Silent Valve Co., 3420 Fletcher Drive, Eagle Rock, Calif.

UP To \$85.00 weekly. Also open to side line men. \$500,000 punch board firm announces new items. No investment. Complete sales kit free. K&S Sales Co., 6227 Broadway, Dept. C124, Chicago.

SALESMEN: Sell advertising novelties, calendars, fans, thermometers, etc., for nationally known firm. Liberal commissions. Stanwood Hillson Corp., 21 Station St., Brookline, Mass.

WANTED: County distributors. Excellent opportunity for earnings. Nationally advertised product. Large company. Dept. 257, Fyr-Fyer Company, Dayton, Ohio.

BIG Money taking orders; shirts, ties, hosiery, underwear, raincoats, pants, uniforms, etc. Sales equipment free! Experience unnecessary. Write Nimrod, Dept. 65, 4922-28 Lincoln, Chicago.

NEW Liquid shaving cream. Salesmen, dime brings sample. Benton and Bonds, Nacoma, Texas.

NEW Reflecting skeleton face, thrills motorists. Red-hot counter card seller. First sales guaranteed. Superior Specialties, Springfield, Illinois.

SELL Reprograph duplicators and supplies. Good profits. Stowe, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

SALESMEN: Amazing magnetic brush. Pocket size. Creates static electric suction. Excels vacuum cleaner. Neway Brush Company, Hartford, Conn.

IMMEDIATE Opening selling advertising matches to taverns, cafes, beauty shops, etc. Cash commission, bonus. Outfit free. Gem Match, 74 West Washington, Dept. 54, Chicago.

EXECUTIVE Past forty interview church societies. Ramo, Brighton, Rochester, N. Y.

WANTED, Monumental salesman everywhere. Marble-Granite Company, A-17, Oneco, Fla.

BRUSH Salesman—if you ever sold brushes write for our money making proposition. Donald Brush Co., Camden, N. J.

SENSATIONAL Money maker! Sell celluloid calendar business cards to banks, insurance companies, factories. Free samples. P. Pricing Card Co., 124 White St., New York.

BLADES. Factory prices. Free delivery. Ace Blades, Dept. 5-B, Rochester, N. Y.

COPYRIGHTED! Something new. Sweeping country. 2x4½ vest pocket "Skillwin," three-in-one item. Game, souvenirs, advertisement. Assemble in spare time. Parts 6c. Assembled 9c. Sell wholesale 15c. Retail 25c. Send 25c coin for sample and territory. Skillwin Co., South Bend, Ind.

NEW, Improved liquid breath purifier, Rid, guaranteed harmless, sells and repeats to drug stores, taverns, restaurants, hotels, etc.; beautiful 4-color display creates tremendous demand; merchants everywhere are ordering and reordering Rid; 40% more profit; be first in your territory; free particulars. All American Industries, Dept. 13, 1226 Metropolitan Bldg., Chicago.

ADVERTISING Book match factory offers you amazing opportunity. We are largest in world selling direct. Big cash commissions. Full-part time. Big repeats. Samples and kit free. Match Corp. of America, Dept. E-4, 6041 Grand, Chicago.

NEW Patented toy. Adults love it too. Possibilities equal Yo-Yo. Sells on sight. Send 25 cents for sample. Bennett Products, Commercial Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Kans.

WAGON Jobbers—Distributors! Supply service stations Husco Special Tube Patching Kits! Excellent sideline! Quality, flash, price makes sales easy, repeats quick, profits great! General conditions booming demand! Husco-PM, Atlanta, Georgia.

ATLAS Window sign letters. Large sizes. Penny each. Beautiful free samples. Atlas, 7941 Halsted, Chicago.

TEXTILE Salesmen succeed selling dry-goods, hosiery, household supplies for entire family. Samples furnished. Fitz-Charles Company, Trenton, N. J.

TIRE Accessories. Guaranteed 10,000 mile Tiger Grip Tire Patch, and complete fast-selling line auto accessories. Salesmen-distributors easily make up to \$75 weekly, and over. Protected territory. Economy Rubber Products Co., 850 Burkhardt, Dayton, Ohio.

OUR New 1938 complete line of brushes now ready. Largest commissions. Write for sales plan. Wire Grip Sanitary Brush Company, 2300 5th Ave., New York.

SALESMEN To sell hardware stores and garages. Powerful new fast-selling specialty. Liberal commissions. Repeats. Coronado, St. Paul, Minn.

NEW Specialty—Sells every business and professional man. Four \$15 sales daily pay \$280 weekly. Farrell cleared over \$1,000.00 monthly. Write, F. E. Armstrong, President, Dept. PM, Mobile, Ala.

GREATER Commissions. Increase your income selling \$10,000 accident and health policy; \$25-\$50 weekly benefits. \$10.00 yearly. Other amounts proportionate. Guaranteed renewal income. \$1,045.318.19 securities deposited. Universal Policy, Dept. O, 11 Commerce St., Newark, N. J.

GUARANTEED Gold leaf letters for store windows. Free samples. Liberal offer to car owners. Metallic Co., 438-A N. Clark, Chicago.

MAKE More money with Red Comet Automatic Fire Extinguishers. Low price. Proved seven years. Splendid sales outfit free. Some good territory open. Exclusive. Write quick. 704 Red Comet Bldg., Littleton, Colo.

FREE Booklet describes 107 plans for making \$20-\$100 weekly, in home or office, business of your own. Elite Co., 214 Grand St., New York.

SPARKLING Glo-Brite signs sell fast to stores, restaurants, taverns. Lasting gold finish. Plenty profit. J. A. Baxter, Cambridge, Ohio.

HELP WANTED

CASH In on new line made-to-measure low priced pants \$3.75 up. Every pair made individual measure. Newest spring and summer shades and patterns. Advanced commissions plus cash bonuses. No investment. Complete sample outfit of swatches free. Hutchins Tailoring, Dept. D-206, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WANTED—Men to represent large shoe company. Good pay every day. No experience needed. Complete sales outfit sent free. Write Consolidated Shoe System, Dept. S30, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

MEN—WOMEN. Wear fine hose I send without cost with outfit while taking orders for amazing new hosiery. Replacement guaranteed against holes, snags, and runs. Rush name and hose size. Wilknit, Desk 37-D, Greenfield, Ohio.

DISTRICT Service managers. No selling. Permanent, profitable. Stamp. "Scientifico," 119 South Maple, Sturgis, Mich.

OPENING New local coffee agencies. Need men immediately to supply regular consumers. Start with earnings up to \$45.00 in a week. Must write quick. Albert Mills, 6216 Monmouth, Cincinnati, Ohio.

STEADY Work, good pay. Reliable men wanted to call on farmers. No experience or capital required. Pleasant work. Home every night. Make up to \$12 a day. Wonderful new proposition. Particulars free. Write McNess Co., Dept. 137, Freeport, Ill.

CIVIL Service. Home study. Federal, state, city. \$1.00. Popular Mechanics, 200 E. Ontario St., Chicago.

EDUCATIONAL AND INSTRUCTION

LEARN Fascinating profitable profession of Swedish massage in great resident school in Chicago. Short course. Write for free illustrations of massage technique. Low tuition. The College of Swedish Massage, 1601 Warren Blvd., Dept. C2, Chicago, Illinois.

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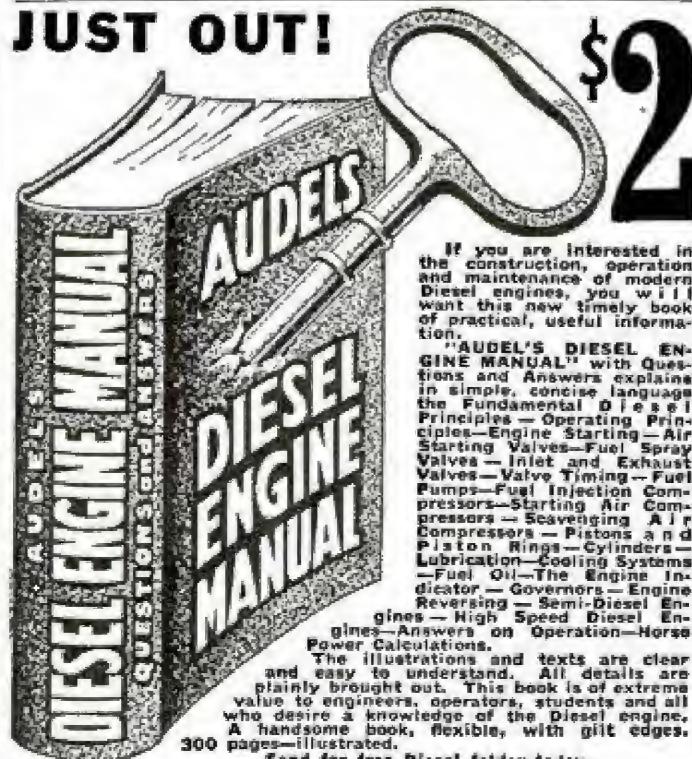


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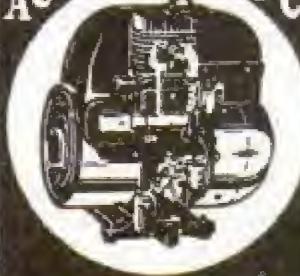
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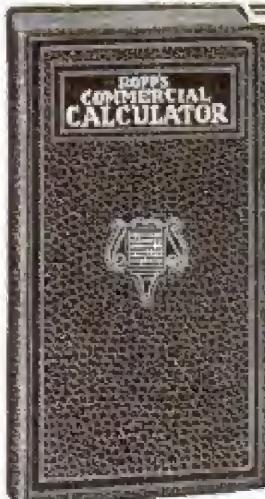
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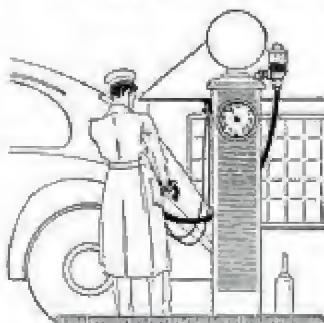
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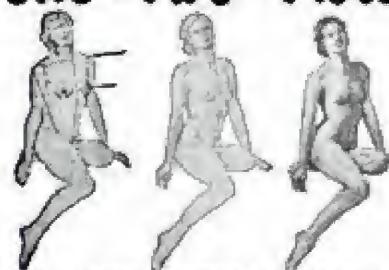
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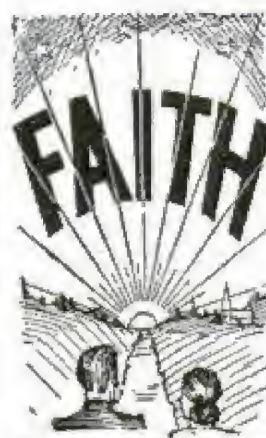
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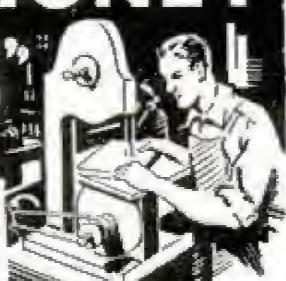
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It took me years of study and research — also thousands of dollars to acquire this knowledge of building muscles which possessed the power of an ox, but the speed and agility of a panther. These are the only type of muscles which enable you to engage in active sports or to really accomplish anything. It was not long until I was receiving offers galore, if I would only impart this knowledge and train others

through this short but certain method of body building. Days were all too short to satisfy the demands on my time. I decided to have duplicates made of my apparatus and put the instructions into printed form. In this way I am now enabled to spread the joyful message to the world.

Send For My FREE Book, "Puissant Body Building"

This contains numerous photos of some of the athletes and strong men I have trained. It will be an impetus and an inspiration to you. I don't ask you to buy it. I want to spread the glad news. It is absolutely free. Yours to keep. Don't delay. This does not obligate you in any way whatever. It is merely an inspirational talk and will show what I have done for so many others.

TOMMY LOUGHREN

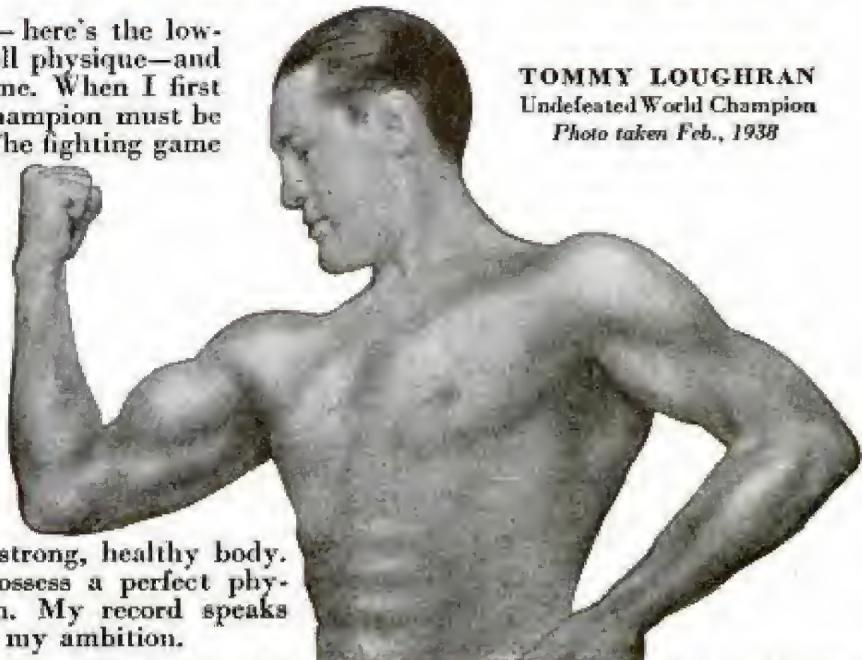
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TOMMY LOUGHREN
Undefeated World Champion
Photo taken Feb., 1938



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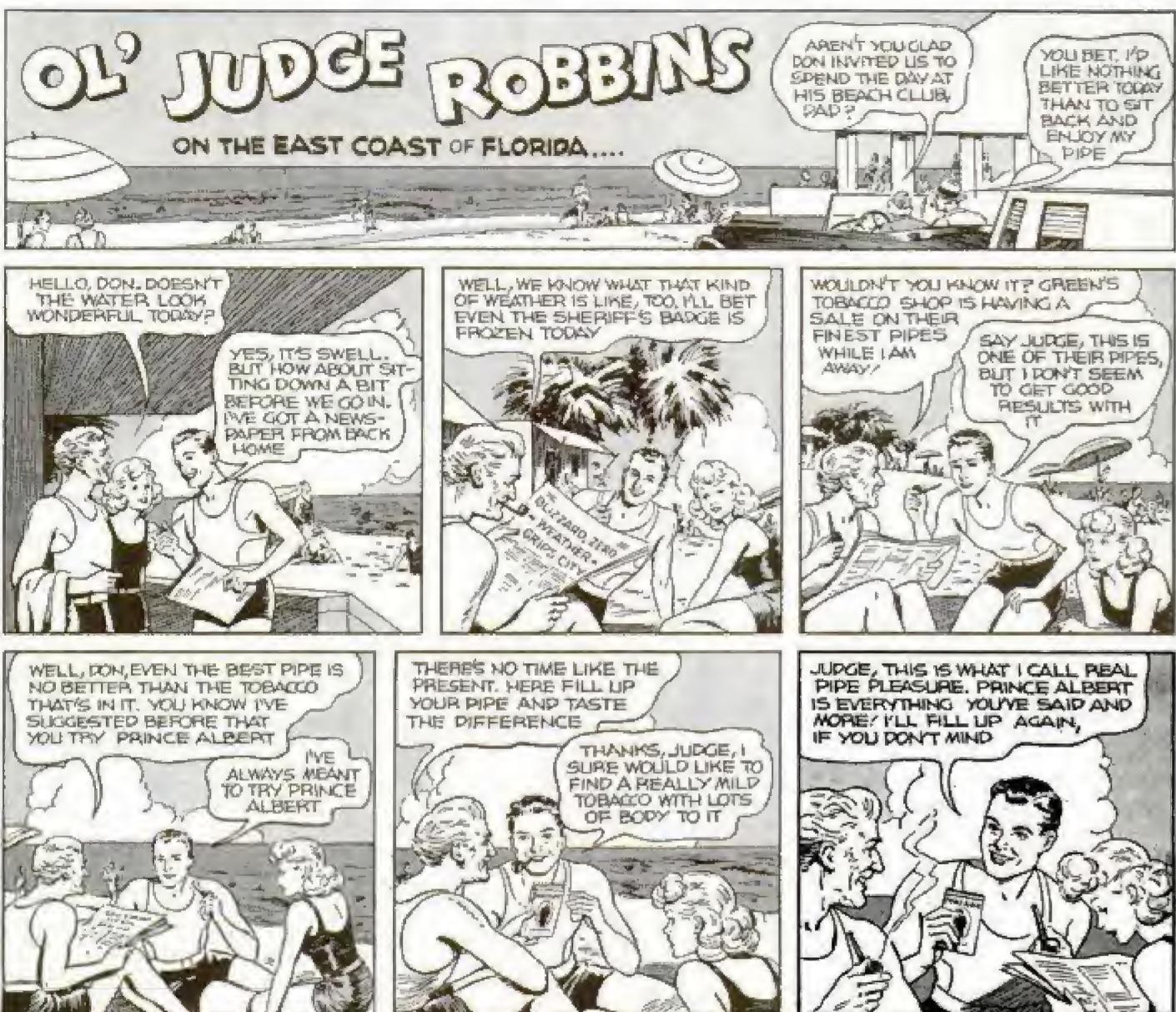
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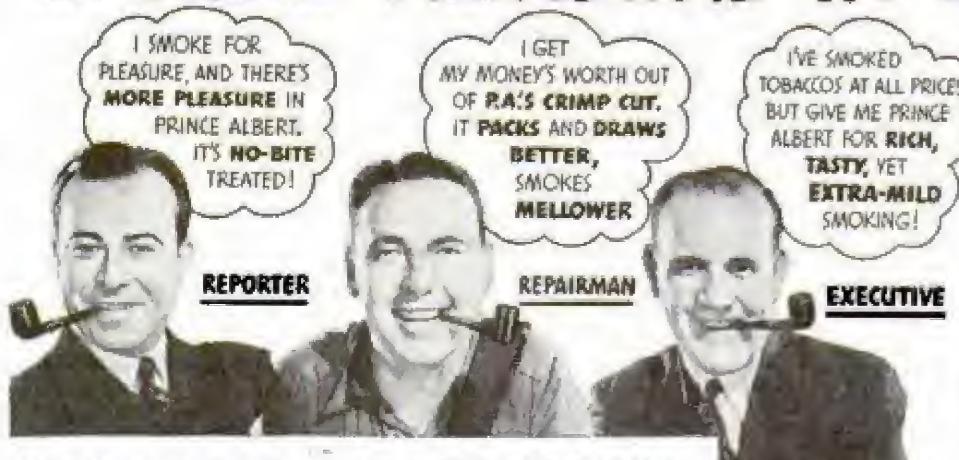
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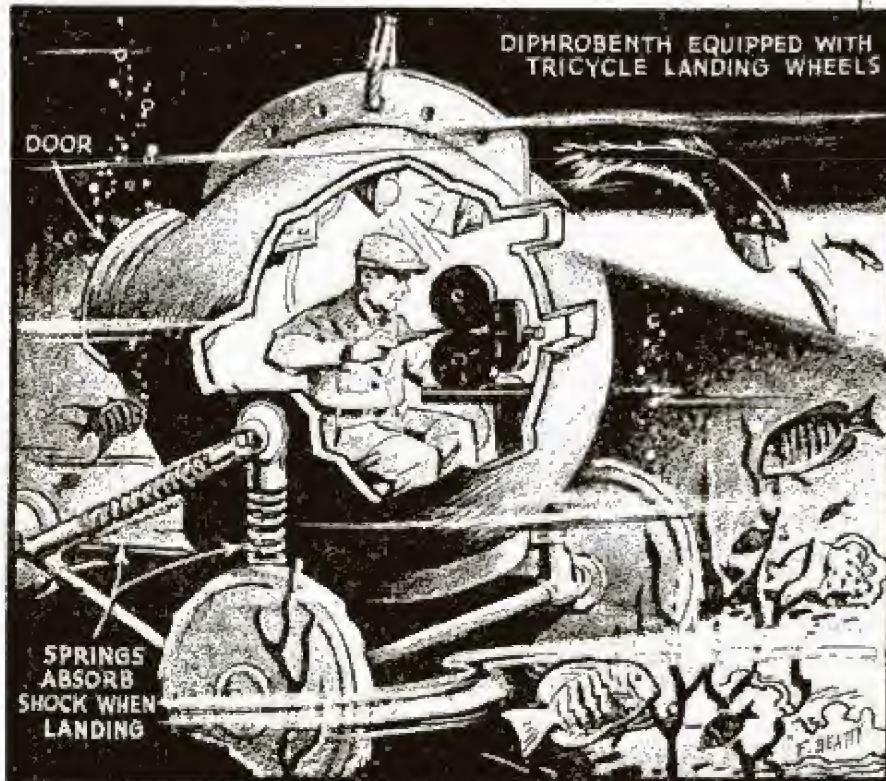
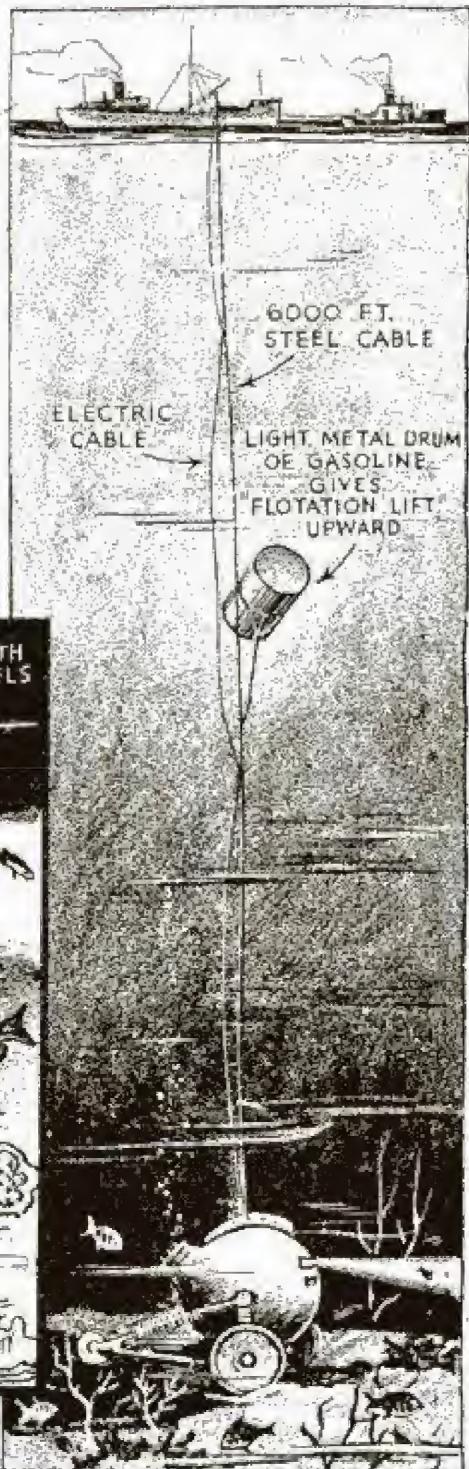
EXPLORING WORLD'S DEEPEST MYSTERY

By Emile C. Schnurmacher
Paravane New York City

WHEN the plans of Otis Barton, designer of the bathysphere, mature, scientists for the first time will be able to investigate mysteries of mile-deep ocean bottoms in a diphrobenth or undersea chariot, towed along by a cable attached to a surface vessel.

Barton and Dr. William Beebe have made many successful deep-sea descents and in 1934 observed marine life one-half mile down, but no man has yet seen the ocean bottom at a depth greater than approximately 525 feet.

"It is beyond that depth where the world's greatest mystery, the ocean bottom, is waiting to be explored," said Barton. "While it is true that we have descended



Left, the diphrobenth as it is expected to appear in operation. Right, apparatus will be towed by surface vessel, with drum, or several drums, of gasoline to give buoyancy.



York Zoological Society, probably will let Barton use the same huge five-ton winches and other equipment used in the bathysphere descents.

The diphrobenth, now in blueprint form in the drafting room of the Watson-Stillman Hydraulic company plant which built the bathysphere, differs considerably from it.

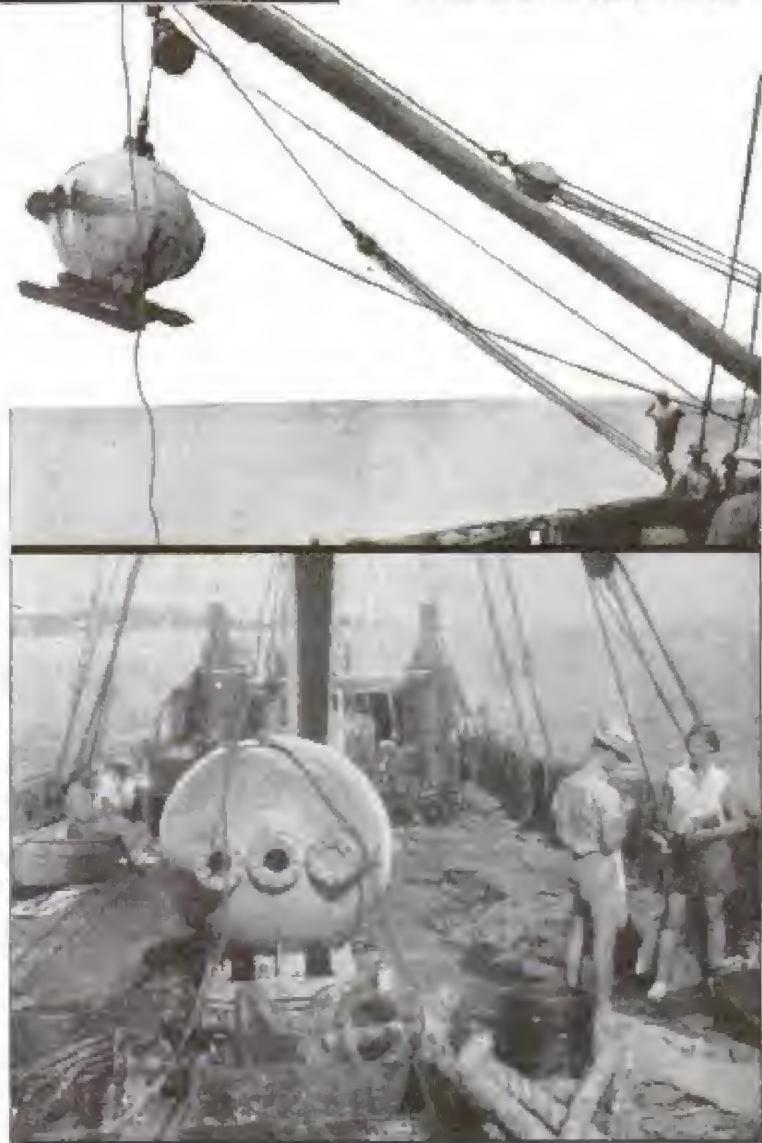
"One of the most noticeable differences, of course, is the wheels," said Barton. "There are two large wooden wheels in front and a smaller one

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a much greater distance in the bathysphere, that apparatus was suspended on a cable and did not touch bottom. Such marine life that swam or floated by the thick observation windows of fused quartz could be watched, but not the undersea life on the ocean bottom itself.

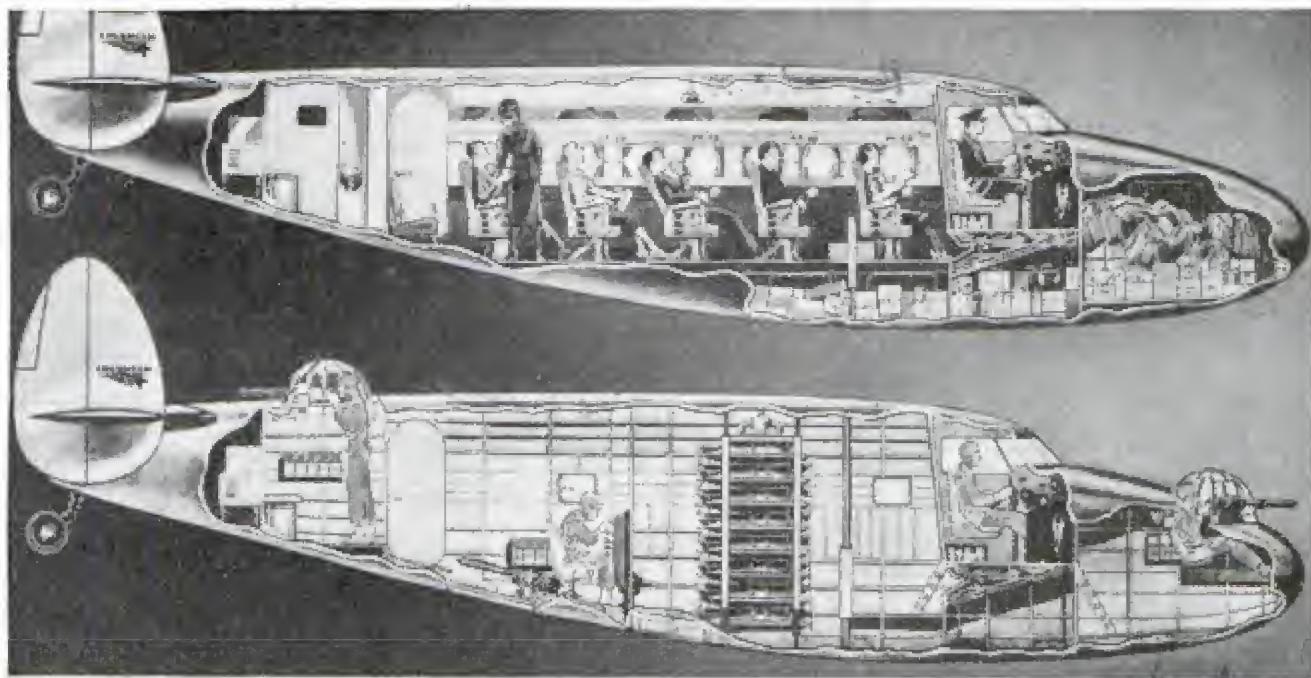
"It is for this purpose that I devised the diphrobenth, which is Greek for 'chariot of the bottom.' In it, I hope not only to explore the ocean bottom at a depth of one mile, but also to investigate the interesting sub-surface cliffs and chasms off the Bermudas. Here, in the underwater crevices and canyons at depths between 500 and 1,000 feet, is teeming marine life which is far less known than that which has been observed at much greater depths from the bathysphere. As for the bottom of the ocean, a full mile down, no diving apparatus has descended that distance and I am hoping to be the first human being to make observations there, perhaps with Dr. Beebe, if he should decide to join me."

Dr. Beebe has shown great interest in the diphrobenth and, with the cooperation of the New



Top, Otis Barton snapped through window of diving apparatus. Center, the bathysphere going over. Bottom, bathysphere on deck of ship

H. 71 Fast Air Liner Is Convertible into a Bomber



These two cross-section drawings show (top) arrangement of the speedy air liner in passenger service and (bottom) how same craft might be turned into a formidable bombing plane

Regarded as one of the most powerful in the world, an American transport plane lends itself to conversion into a formidable bombing plane. In air-passenger service, it has accommodations for eleven passengers and a steward, as well as pilot and co-pilot. As a bomber, the ship would

carry a crew of four, including two machine-gunners and a man to release bombs. The bomb racks would be located near the center of the ship. Gun turrets would be fore and aft. Cruising speed of the ship is 230 miles per hour, the maximum speed 260 miles an hour.

H. 76 Exposure Meter with a Hood Gets Light Like Camera

Designed for use over a wide range of illumination levels, an exposure meter announced by General Electric company uses a hood to limit more effectively the angle of the light received to approximate

ly that of a camera. The particular shape of the opening in the hood is advantageous because, when pointed at a normal scene, the full angular width of the camera is included in a horizontal direction, but in the vertical direction a much narrower angle is used. This lessens the error of indication caused by strong sky light. When not extended for taking readings, the hood slips snugly over the meter, protecting the face and the light cell. The hood, in addition to being very directional, is provided with a hinged, slotted cover which increases the sensitivity of the instrument by ten to one when opened. In extremely low illumination, the hood may be removed and another increase in sensitivity of ten to one obtained.



Two views of handy light meter devised for amateur or professional photographer

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Non-Removable Meat Label Guards Against Fraud



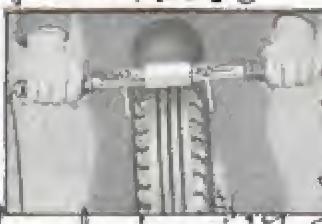
Small device which places the non-removable labels in each sausage.

Placed in sausage and other meats stuffed in natural casings, a non-removable label protects the public against bootlegging of meat which has not been inspected properly. A machine is used for labeling.

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Tire Regroover Cuts Tread to Make Driving Safer

Anti-skid qualities of automobile tires may be revived after the tread has worn off by regrooving the tires with a tool now on the market. The tool is a pull-type electric regroover, the essential part of which is a "U"-shaped knife which cuts the thread of rubber from the tread, leaving the groove.

Price 12.50

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Diagram showing a tire being regrooved.

These grooves may take the form of a pattern, with both circumferential and cross cuts, or diagonal cuts, or simply a number of circumferential grooves. Usually the operator can put on the pattern chosen by the tire owner. Regrooving is not recommended when there is less than three-

sixteenths inch of good tread rubber on the fabric carcass; when there are patches worn through the tread to the fabric, and when there are cuts in the tread or sidewall that would allow water to enter the tire structure and rot the fabric. Tires in which these flaws do not exist may be regrooved, since the process simply gives the tread a design with sharp edges which increase the resistance to skidding. Frequently a tire with tread worn smooth may be run 10,000 miles more, in safety, if the tread is renewed by regrooving.

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Auto Runs on Acetylene Gas Generated in Trunk

Acetylene gas, generated in a trunk on the rear, operates an automobile fitted with a special carburetor invented in Italy. The trunk contains the granular calcium carbide that is used to form the gas. Carburetion is automatic and the engine performs well on the gas, having a powerful stroke. The gas burns cleanly, leaving little residue. The invention may solve the problem of Italy's dependency upon other nations for motor fuel.

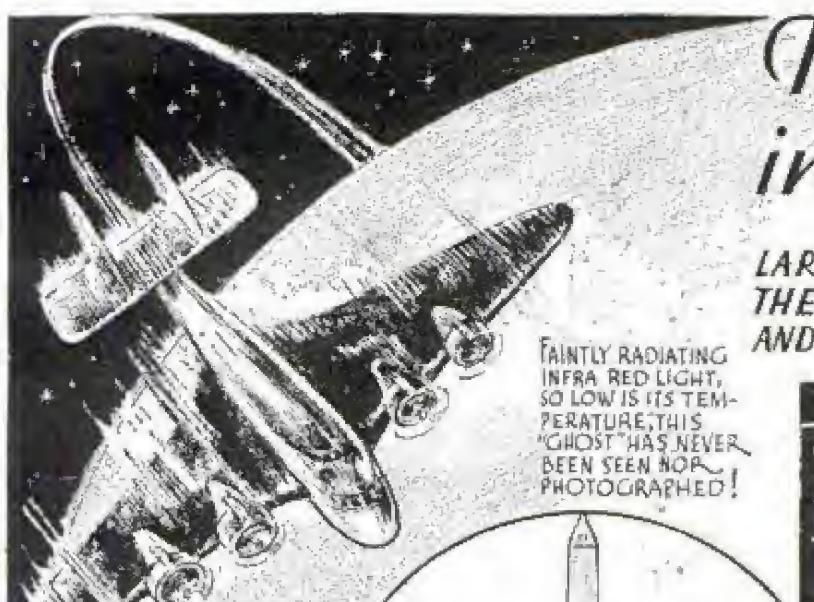


Top, acetylene-gas carburetor. Bottom, trunk containing calcium carbide.

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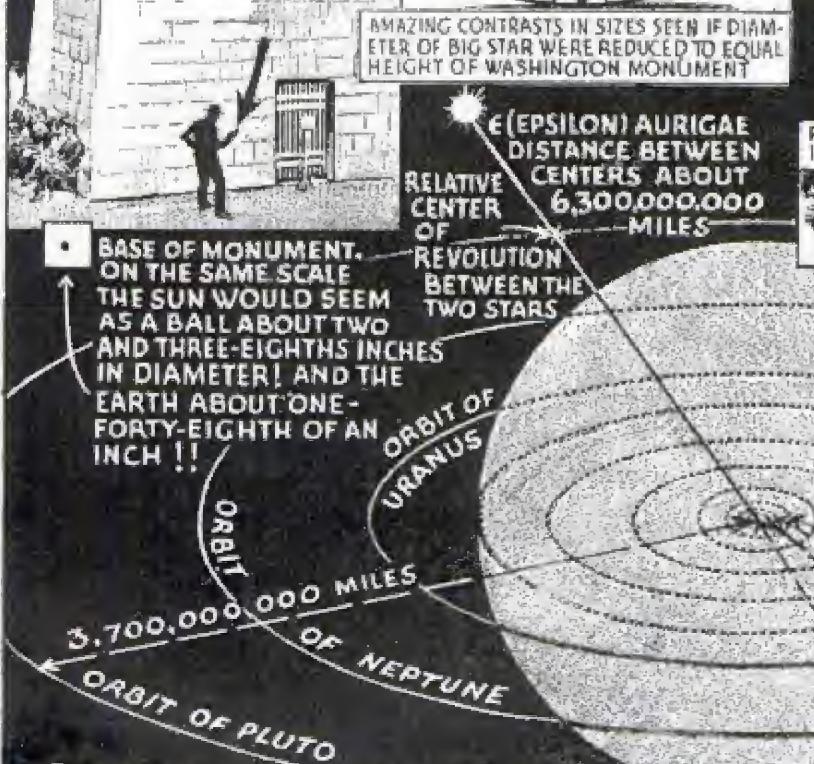
The "TOPS" in STARS



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so low is its tem-
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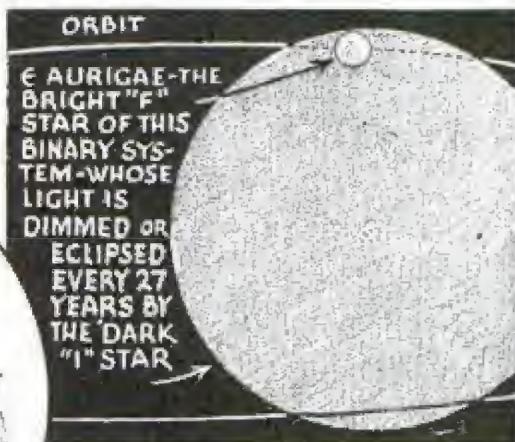


AMAZING CONTRASTS IN SIZES SEEN IF DIAMETER OF BIG STAR WERE REDUCED TO EQUAL HEIGHT OF WASHINGTON MONUMENT

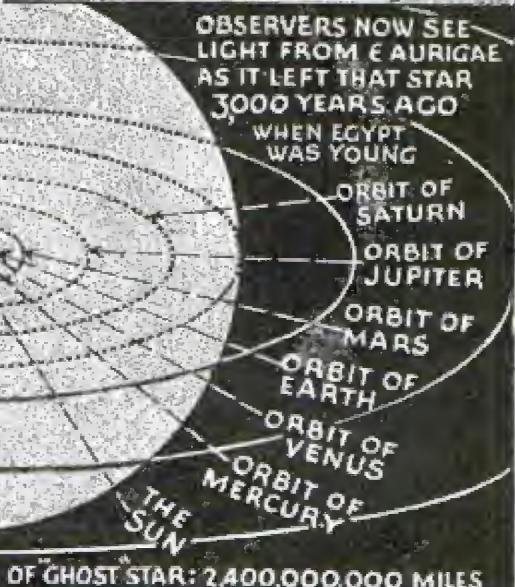
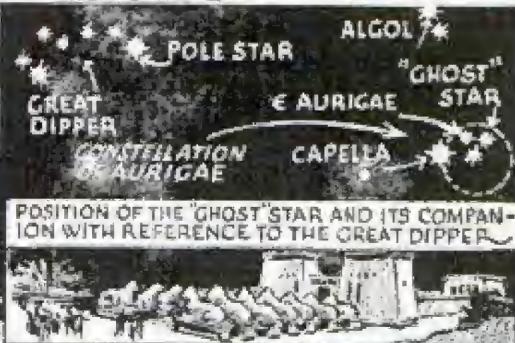


COMPARING THE AURIGAE SYSTEM
WITH THE SUN'S FAMILY

LARGEST FOUND OBJECT IN
THE SKY IS A "GHOST" STAR,
AND IS INVISIBLE TO THE EYE!



THROUGH SPECTROSCOPIC AND OTHER OBSERVATIONS ASTRONOMERS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE STAR E AURIGAE IS ACCOMPANIED BY A GIANT "DARK" STAR AND THAT THEY REVOLVE AROUND EACH OTHER.



DIAMETER OF GHOST STAR: 2,400,000,000 MILES

Thirty-nine years ago an astronomer at Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wis., detected variation in brightness of star Epsilon Aurigae which observers have now determined is caused by its eclipse by largest star yet detected. This star, however, is so dark and cool it has not yet been seen or photographed.

Mushroom Roof over Band Broadcasts Concert



Umbrella-shaped roof of bandstand acts as megaphone while loudspeaker in pinnacle broadcasts sound

Bandstands aren't what they used to be. In the square at Canton, Ill., is a new "mushroom" bandstand incorporating both a megaphone and loudspeaker in its roof. The ceiling is fifteen feet from the base, and lined with inch-thick sound-insulating material, designed to reflect music outward over a wide area. Built into a twelve-foot pinnacle rising from the center of the roof is a loudspeaker distributing sound in four directions so that music picked up by the microphones in the stand itself can be heard several blocks away, and controlled so that it blends perfectly with the tones heard directly from the megaphone stand.

Self-Sharpening Food Mincer Is Easy to Use and Clean



Easy to use and easy to clean, a self-sharpening mincing outfit for the kitchen chops, grates and grinds all raw foods. It offers a quick and easy way to prepare parsley, mint, onions, pimento,

meat, fish, bread, potatoes, carrots, cheese, nuts, mushrooms and other foods. The mincer is placed over a plate. A back-and-forth movement of a paddle accomplishes the cutting of the food and forces it through the perforations in the bottom.

Luminous Bob for Casting Useful Day or Night

With its upper half luminous, a new casting bob is useful for day or night fishing. The bob is attached to the line by turning a core to expose a slot. After a knot is tied in the line at the depth desired for fishing, the line is inserted in the slot and a button

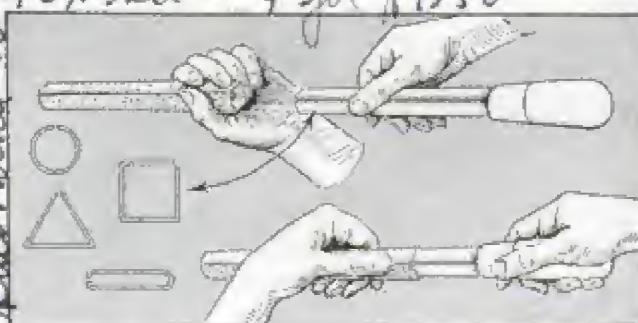


closes the slot. This leaves the bob free on the line. The weight of the sinker then carries the free line through the bob until the knot stops it. Bait and bob may be cast like an ordinary plug. The fisherman will experience no trouble in getting the line out or in reeling it in with the bob on it.

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Abrasive Holders to Fit Work Offered in Various Shapes

Abrasive holders that can be supplied with refills of various paper and cloth abrasives are offered now in several shapes. Designed to fit the particular job at hand for the machinist, model maker, die, tool and cabinet maker, there are round, square, triangular and flat holders.

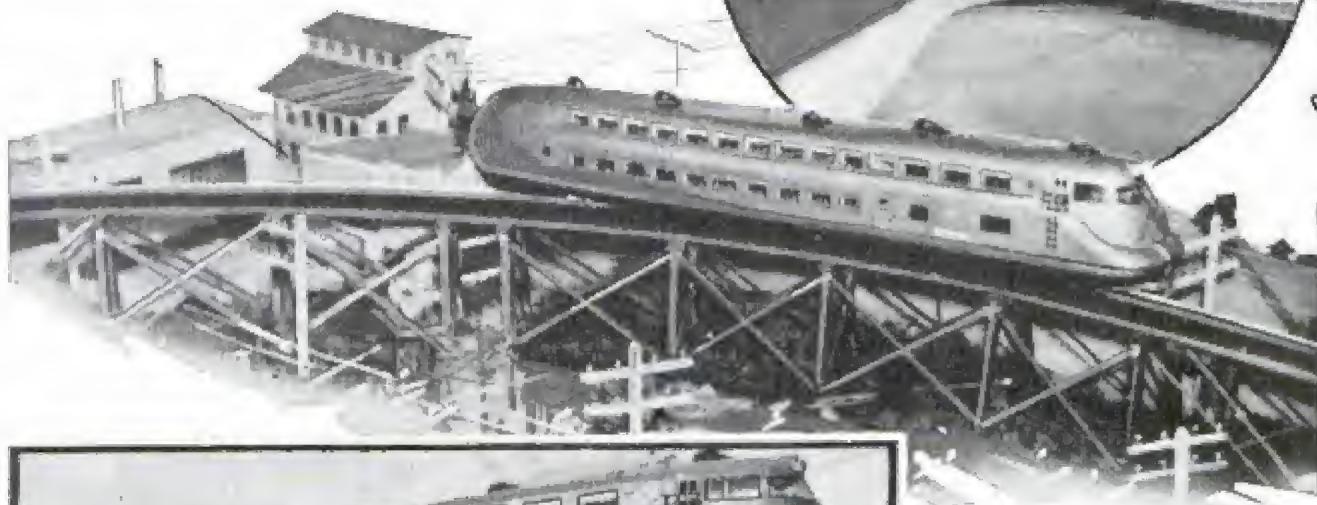


Paper and cloth abrasives of special shapes shown at left are slipped over standard holder

Keeleb Mfg Co.

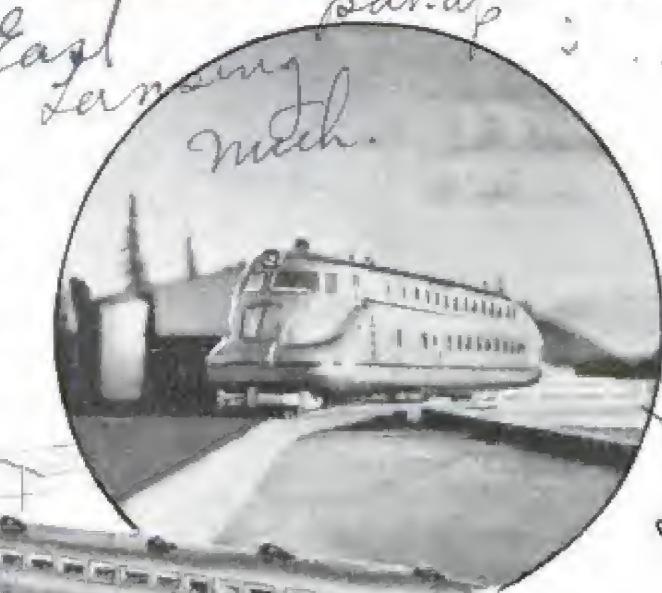
453 Kensington Road Double-Deck Gyro Car Travels on Monorail

On an electric monorail built over a model city in a Lansing, Mich., home runs a double-deck streamline car with a gyroscope stabilizer to maintain its equilibrium. An automobile design engineer constructed this monorail system and made blueprints from which you can duplicate it in your own home. Balanced on the same gyroscopic principle used in automatic airplane pilots and ocean liners, this



twenty-eight inch car banks itself around curves and remains upright for several minutes after the current is turned off. The car weighs nine pounds; its stabilizer weighs three pounds, and consists of a heavy flywheel driven by an electric motor using direct current. Another motor drives the rear wheels through a flexible drive shaft. The two motors are operated by remote control simultaneously or separately. When the alternating-current circuit is closed, the car travels around the track; when that circuit is opened the car stops, but the direct-current circuit remains closed and the gyro stabilizer continues to function. The monorail is made

of two separate half-rails of brass, insulated from each other so that a circuit can be made, and straddled by double flanges of the car wheels. All wheels except the accumulator wheel are of plastic material; the accumulator wheel is steel, and consists of two insulated sections which contact brushes leading to the relay. The car is built to a scale which would represent a "rail land yacht" twice as long and as high as conventional railroad cars, and twenty-two feet wide, as compared with the normal ten-foot width. Sectional plans show seating arrangements in upper and lower decks, dining room, observation room, pilot's cabin, stairs, bulkheads and lights.



Running on a street-level monorail or speeding over a model city on its elevated structure, the streamline double-deck car is balanced by gyroscope. It remains upright even when alternating current is cut for a station stop, since direct current operates the gyro

Hobby Railroad in Yard Becomes a Business

Several views of owner operating the back-yard railroad. Bottom, this is how coal is loaded into the tender. Circle, owner turns engineer



FROM an oil man's hobby a back-yard railroad has developed into a business. The owner's sons have collected \$5,000 in nickels from child passengers in the last four years. The business began when the owner took a small-size locomotive, three passenger cars and two flat cars out of storage and started operating the train on



a quarter-mile track in his large yard. So steadily has business increased that the railway is being moved to a larger place where more space is available for tracks and where a bridge and a tunnel will be added to the system.

Billiard Cue Mounted on Wheel for a One-Armed Player

When a billiard player lost one arm in an accident he did not give up billiards. He put a small, rubber-tired wheel on a frame that slipped over the tip of the cue and was fastened in place with a thumbscrew. It can easily be moved toward or away from the tip to change the angle of the shot, and requires only a little practice to maneuver skilfully.

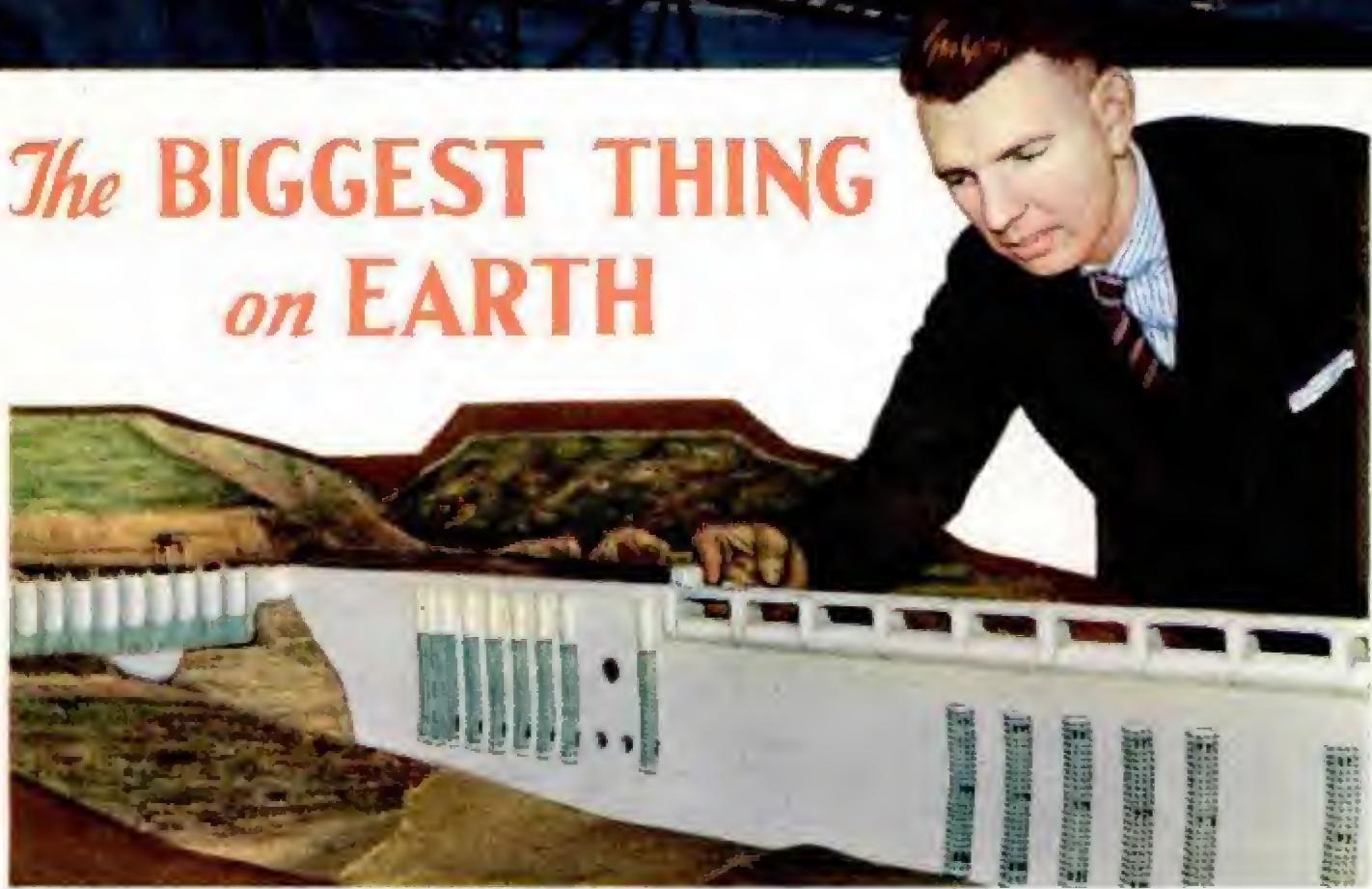


The Snake River Canyon in Idaho is more than 6,000 feet deep, exceeding even the depth of the Grand Canyon.

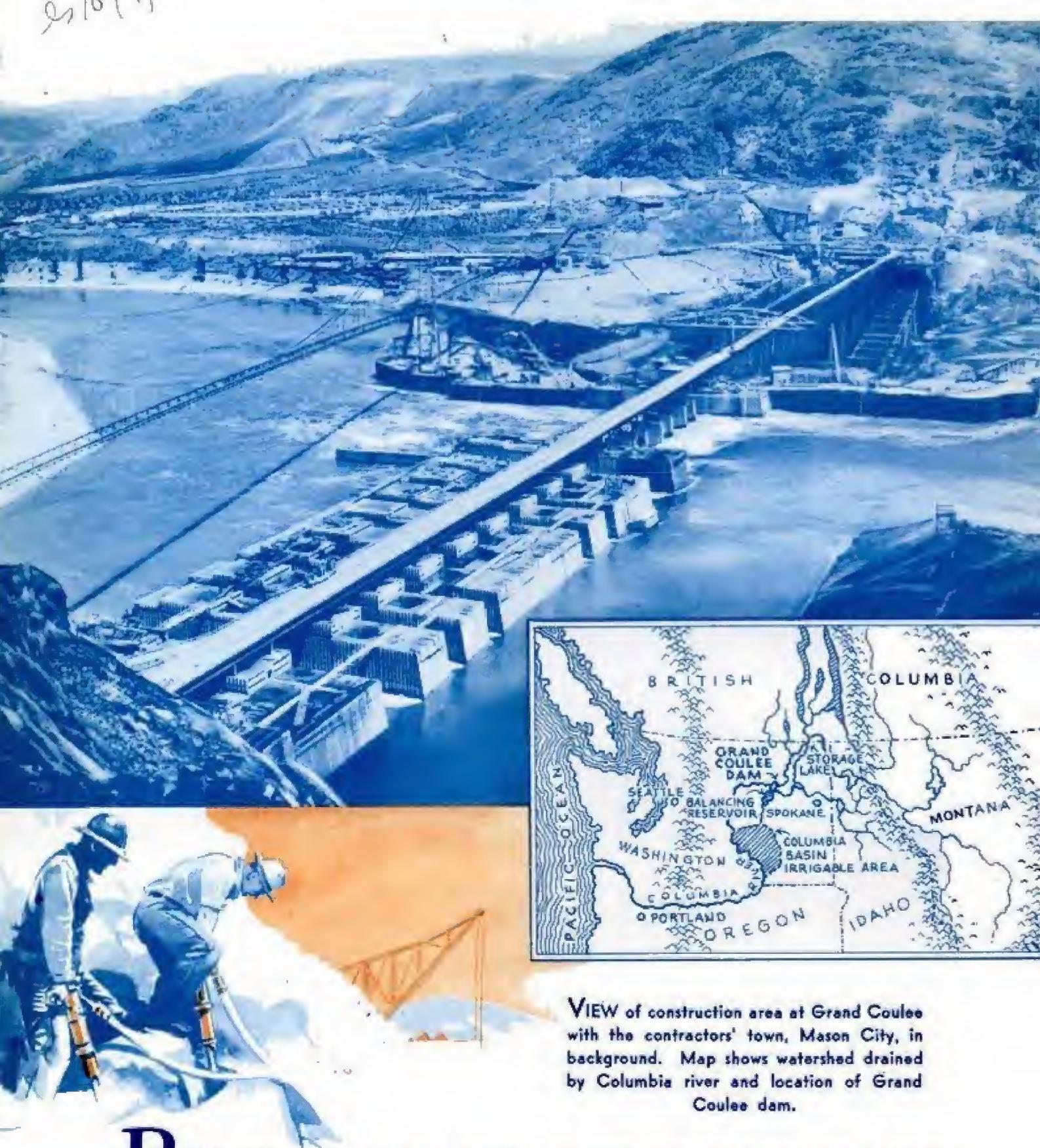
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The **BIGGEST THING** *on EARTH*



MODEL of part of Grand Coulee dam, showing up-stream face with pumping units at left.
Top, Grand Coulee at night. Row of lights is on suspension bridge.



VIEW of construction area at Grand Coulee with the contractors' town, Mason City, in background. Map shows watershed drained by Columbia river and location of Grand Coulee dam.

Boulder dam is the largest structure ever built by man, yet it could be buried in the base alone of a concrete colossus which engineers are raising above the Columbia river in Washington.

Called the "biggest thing on earth," the Grand Coulee dam, when finished, will be three times the size of Boulder, will develop one and a half times as much power, and will provide irrigation for

an area one and a half times the size of Rhode Island.

The dam will be as high as a forty-six-story building and as long as fourteen ordinary city blocks. Its bottom will be as thick as the length of a six-car train, and four vessels the size of the "Queen Mary" could be spaced along its top. The twenty-three million tons of concrete will bulk four times the volume of the Great Pyramid and would require

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a train 500 miles long, from New York to Detroit, to move at one time. It could be used to build a solid monument one city block square and three times the height of the Empire State building. When finished, the entire population of the United States, every man, woman and child in the country, could be placed inside its dimensions with room to spare.

If you should visit the dam today, you literally become a twentieth-century Gulliver. From a vista house perched part way up the canyon wall you peer down at a man-made mountain of concrete along the flanks and shoulders of which crawl toy engines and trains, tiny cranes, and pygmy trucks. The men who are building the monster are simply black moving dots.

But when you get down closer



COMPARATIVE SIZES OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST DAMS



GRAND COULEE DAM
COLUMBIA RIVER, WASHINGTON

LENGTH 4300 FEET
WIDTH AT BASE 500 FT.
HEIGHT (COMPLETE DAM) 550 FT.

SURFACE LEVEL BACKWATER 151 MILES

MUSCLE SHOALS DAM
TENNESSEE RIVER

LENGTH 4300, HEIGHT 142 FT.

ROOSEVELT DAM
SALT RIVER, ARIZONA
LENGTH 1080 FT.
HEIGHT 280 FT.

LENGTH 2500, HEIGHT 200 FT.

DNEIPER RIVER DAM, RUSSIA
BOULDER DAM, COLORADO RIVER
HEIGHT 730 FT., LENGTH 1180 FT., WIDTH AT BASE 650 FT.
SURFACE LEVEL BACKWATER 115 MILES

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men, above, removing weathered surface rock from abutments of dam. Below, upper part of model shows portion of Grand Coulee which was excavated. Lower part shows dam set in excavation.



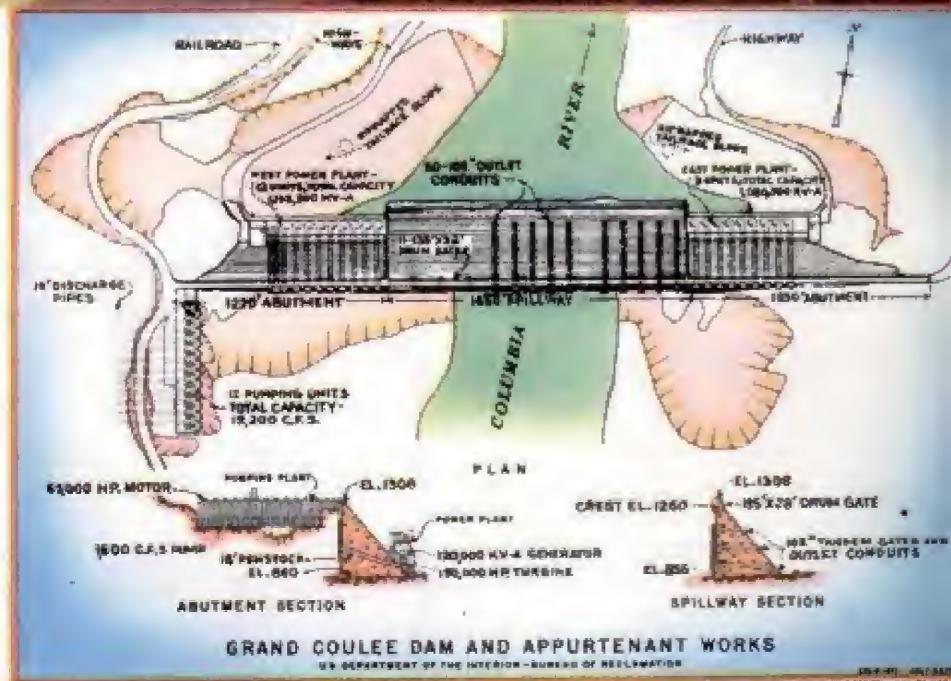


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EAST side mixing plant. At top are sand and gravel bins, below are scale hoppers and below the hoppers are four concrete mixers, all controlled from one central point.

the toy engines loom up as ten-ton Diesel-electric locomotives running on standard-gauge track and the tiny trains become long flatcars loaded with huge buckets of concrete. This dam is so huge that an entire railroad system, complete to dispatcher, switching yards and signal systems, runs all over it. Wise spectators bring their own binoculars to study the work. Professional photographers are stumped because if they get close to the dam they can get only part of it on their film, and if they move off a mile or two to get the whole picture, details are lost.

Yet the gigantic mass to be seen today is not much more than the mere foundation of the whole structure. When finished the dam will be nearly a mile



long and three times as high as Niagara Falls. It will back up a lake 151 miles long clear to the Canadian border and its generators will develop the equivalent of 2,700,000 horsepower, more than the hydroelectric power of all seven dams of the Tennessee Valley Authority combined.

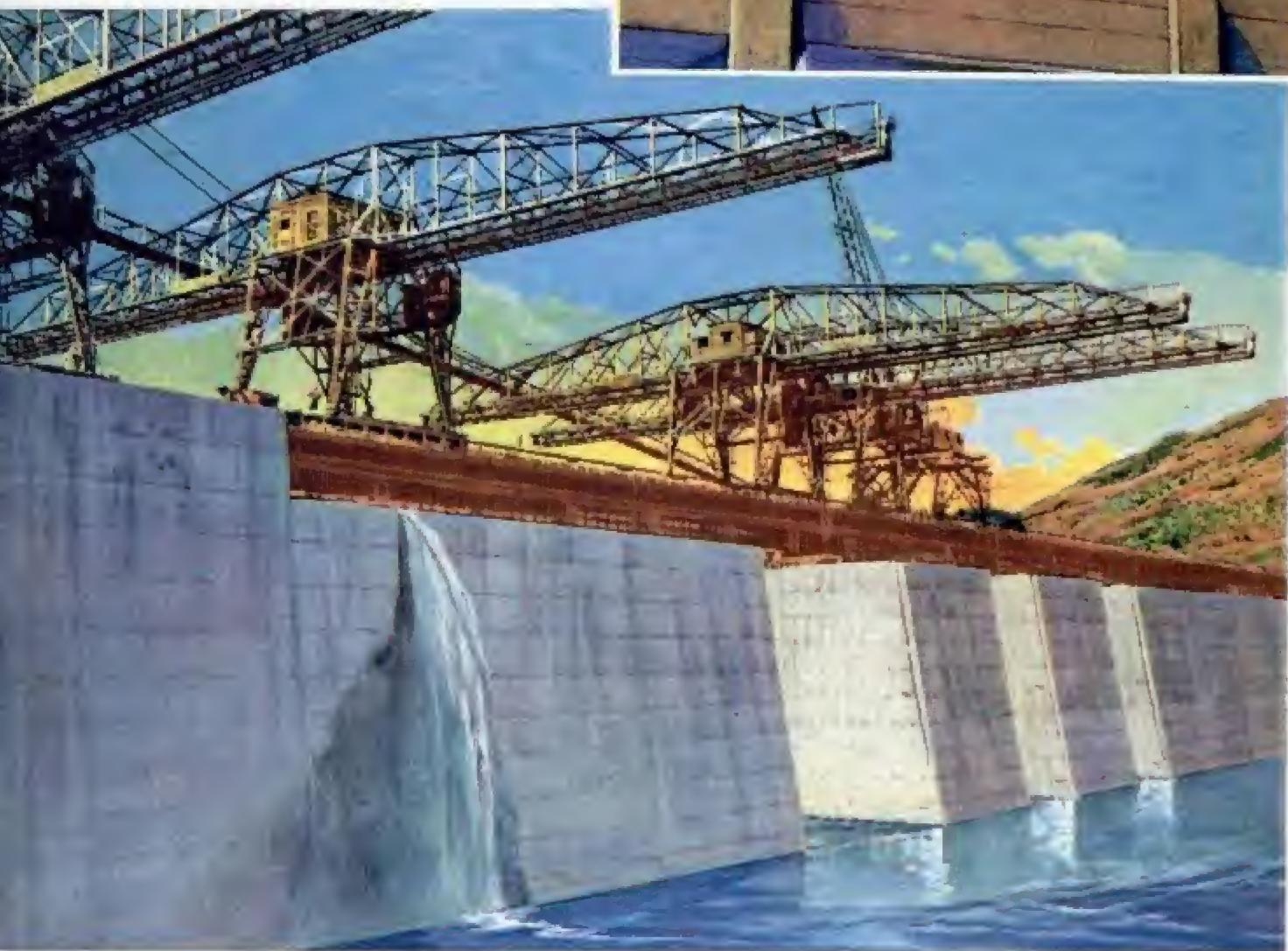
The gorge of the Columbia river is too big to permit an arch-type dam. Grand

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Coulee must depend upon its massive weight alone to resist the pressure of the water it will back up. At the dam site the river is 700 feet wide and at times seventy feet deep, flowing fourteen miles an hour, and has an average annual runoff of 79,000,000 acre-feet, five times that of the Colorado at Boulder dam. It is estimated that potentially this one river alone, exploited under a huge ten-dam program of which the Grand Coulee is one and the Bonneville dam now being built 300 miles down stream is another, can turn up energy amounting to more than half the total hydroelectric power developed in the United States today.

When the engineers selected the present site on the Columbia they took advantage of an event that

GIANT concrete bucket, right, dumped by opening gate in the bottom. Below, traveling cranes by which concrete is delivered, from tracks on steel trestle supporting them, into the forms.





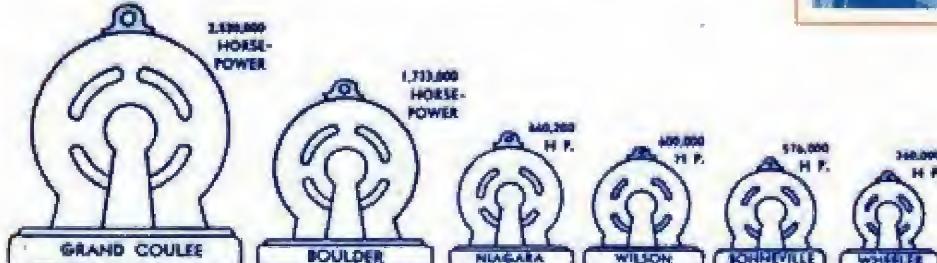
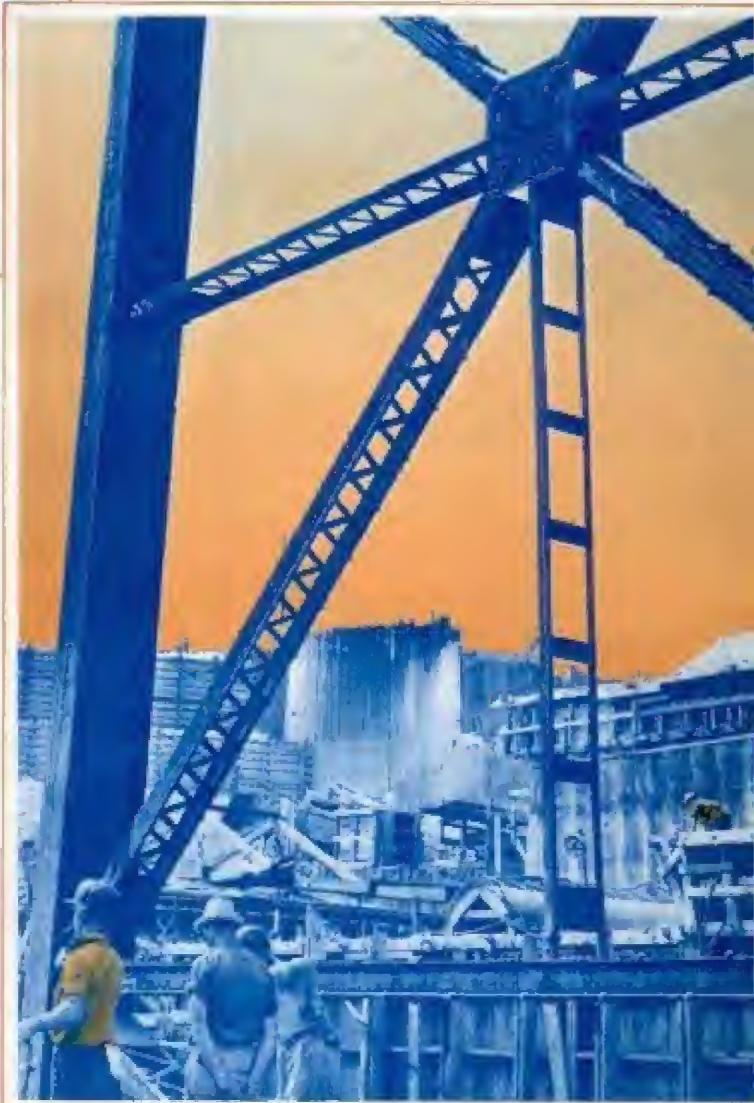
happened millions of years ago. During the last great ice age a glacier flowed into the present river bed and dammed the river as effectively as the modern concrete structure will. The impounded waters gradually filled the canyon and then overflowed the walls, cutting out a new river channel to the south. For centuries the river flowed along its new bed and then, when the ice retreated, resumed its age-old path.

That left a dry river bed high on the canyon wall, pointing away almost in the opposite direction from the great gorge of the Columbia. This dry river bed, or Grand Coulee, is a great trough two to five miles wide and fifty-six miles long. At the far end of this old channel lie 1,200,000 acres of the richest arid agricultural land in the country. The

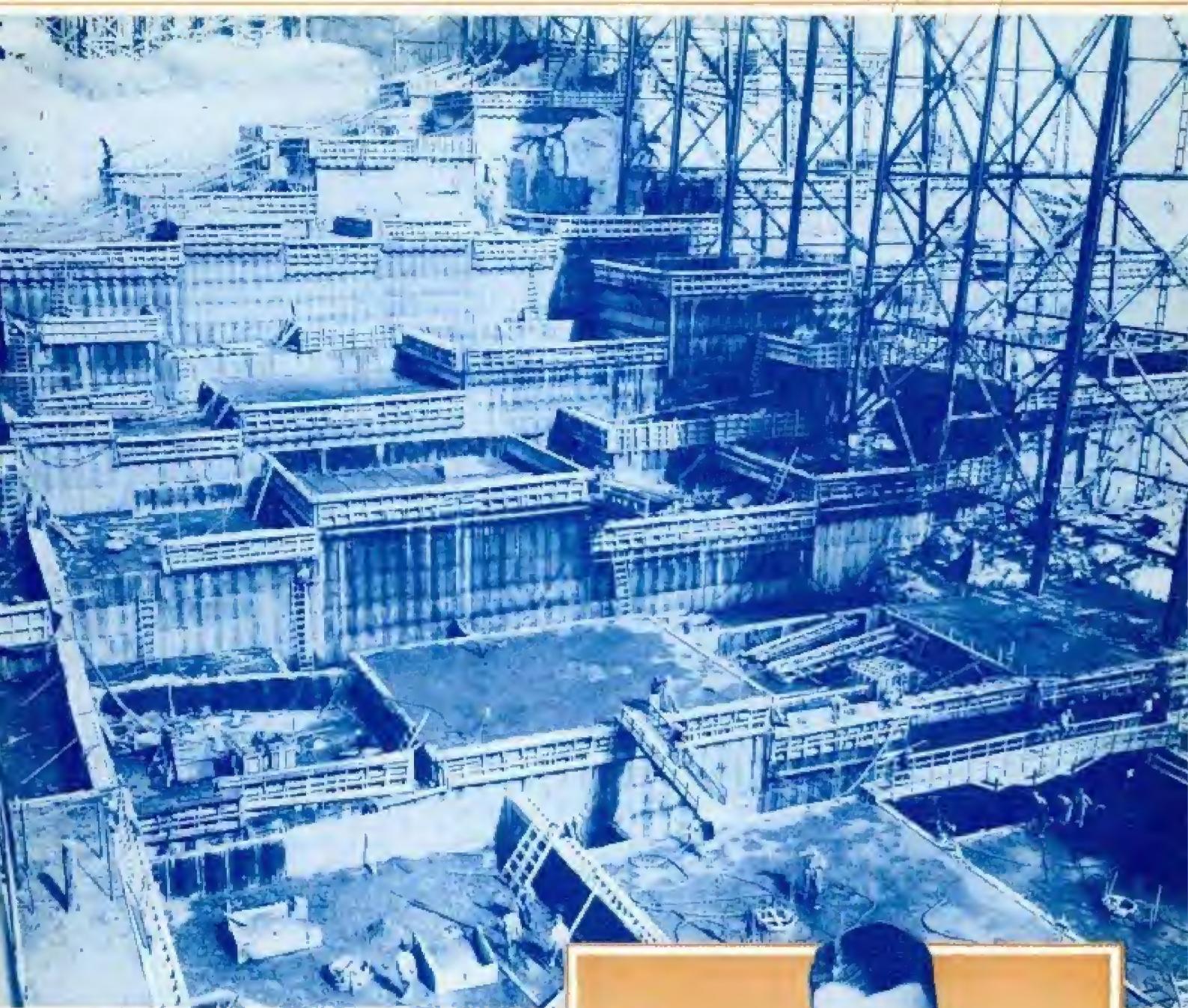
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present idea is to pump billions of gallons of water up from behind the new dam into the extinct river bed and use twenty-three miles of this trough both as a canal and a balancing reservoir to carry part of the Columbia to the arid acres of the Big Bend country. It took daring imagination to plan such a tremendous project.

Everything about the Grand Coulee dam is "bigger than ever before." Never before has a river the size of the Columbia been dammed, or a steel coffer-dam 3,000 feet long been sunk to bedrock to hold back the swirling waters while work was



SUPPORT of bridge for dam work which will be swallowed by rising concrete. Above, placing reinforcing steel in what will be a tunnel in the dam. Left, comparative power capacity of large dams.



started. Never before had it been necessary to excavate and carry away 20,000,000 cubic yards of material to scratch down to bedrock. Most of this material has been moved one and a half miles away by conveyor belts where it filled a convenient ravine. Today the conveyor belts have reversed their direction and are bringing endless streams of materials down out of the hills to the concrete mixers.

Getting ready to build the dam was a major job in itself. Two towns, a "contractors' town" and a "government town," were built on opposite sides of the river for the nearly 6,000 workmen and engineers. A large permanent highway bridge, a railroad bridge and a suspension bridge for carrying cement across the river had to be built, as well as several pile

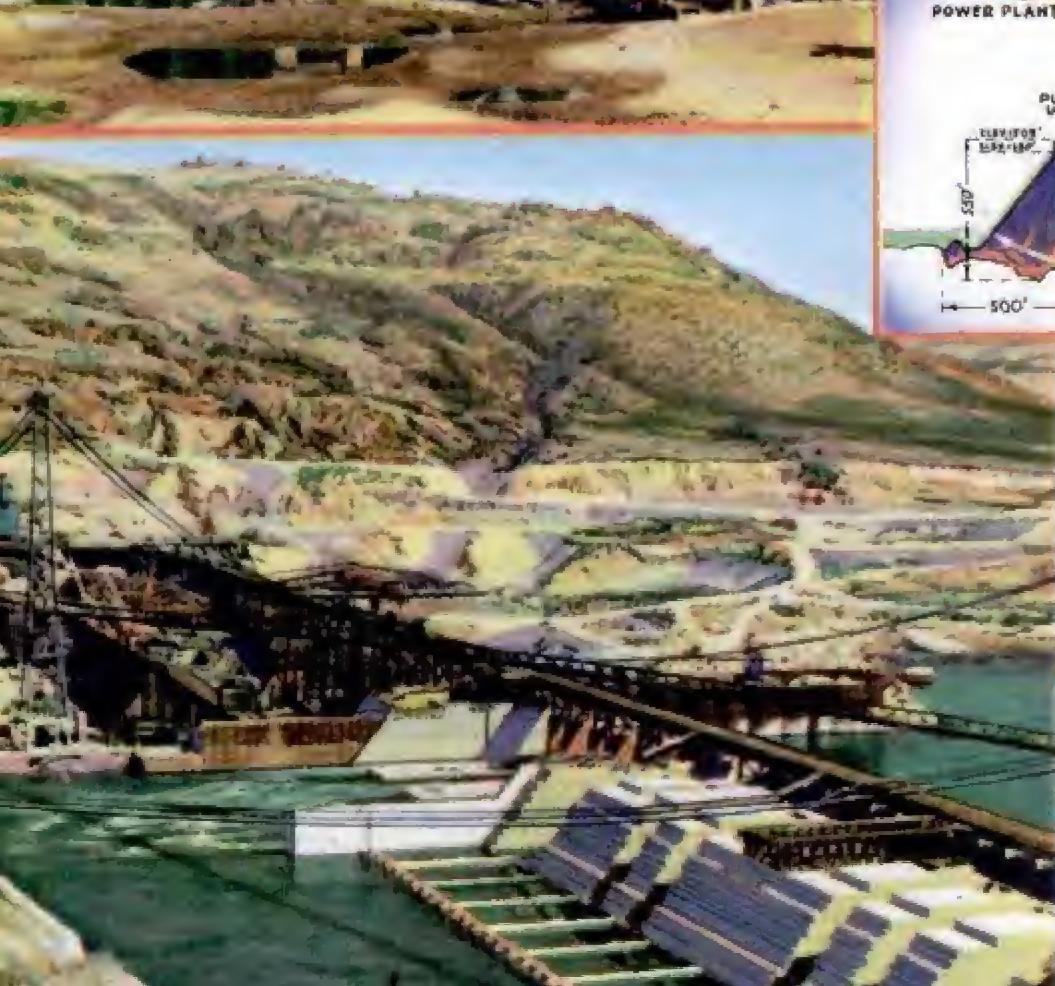
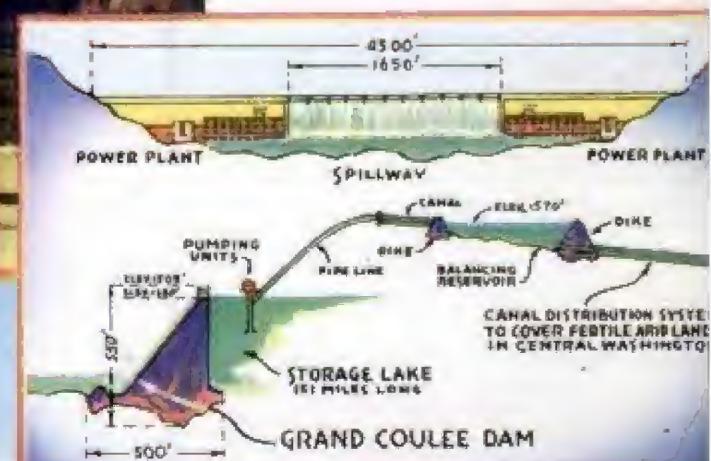


CUTAWAY model showing a cross section of dam as it will appear when completed. Picture at top shows how the dam is built up in "lifts."

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bridges and catwalks. In drilling down to bedrock to insure firm foundations for the dam the drillers wore away nearly forty-nine miles of hardened drill steel. To make sure that the foundation granite itself is as strong as possible, ten miles of grout holes were drilled into it and 12,500 tons of cement "grout" were forced down the holes under pressure to fill every crack and seam.

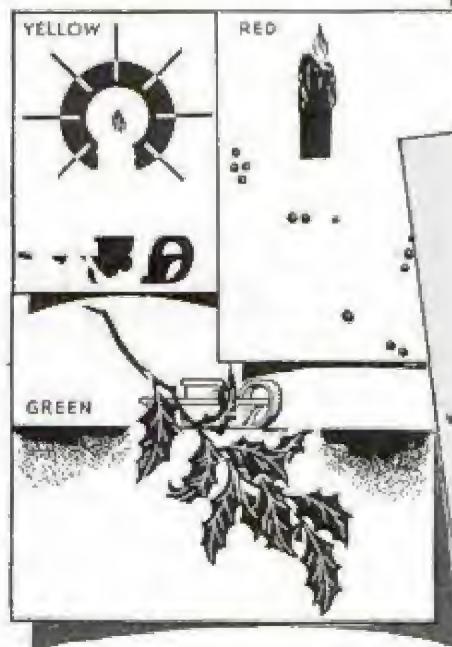
The dam looked more like a bridge than a dam during the first year or so of construction and that is just about what it really was. Before the first slab of concrete was poured an 11,000-ton steel trestle was built across the (*Continued to page 128A*)



BASE, at top of page, of east side powerhouse and, above it, the east side mixing plant which turned out 9,290 cubic yards of concrete in twenty-four hours. Left, partly completed base of dam with turbine pits in foreground. Finished dam will be 300 feet higher than concrete shown. Diagram shows how water will be captured and delivered for irrigation.

Printing Tint Blocks Also Useful for Hobby

Tint blocks, used for borders, color backgrounds and panels of solid colors in printing, may be prepared easily with a linoleum composition, a specially processed, pure-white surfaced, toughened material easy to engrave. The blocks can be sawed and cut from the materials to varying sizes and shapes and may be used repeatedly. No special tools are needed other than a saw and a knife. On involved jobs, a solid block of color with reverse lettering may be used. Another practical use is the framing of half-tone engravings in color backgrounds. To do this a tint block is cut to the desired shape and size.

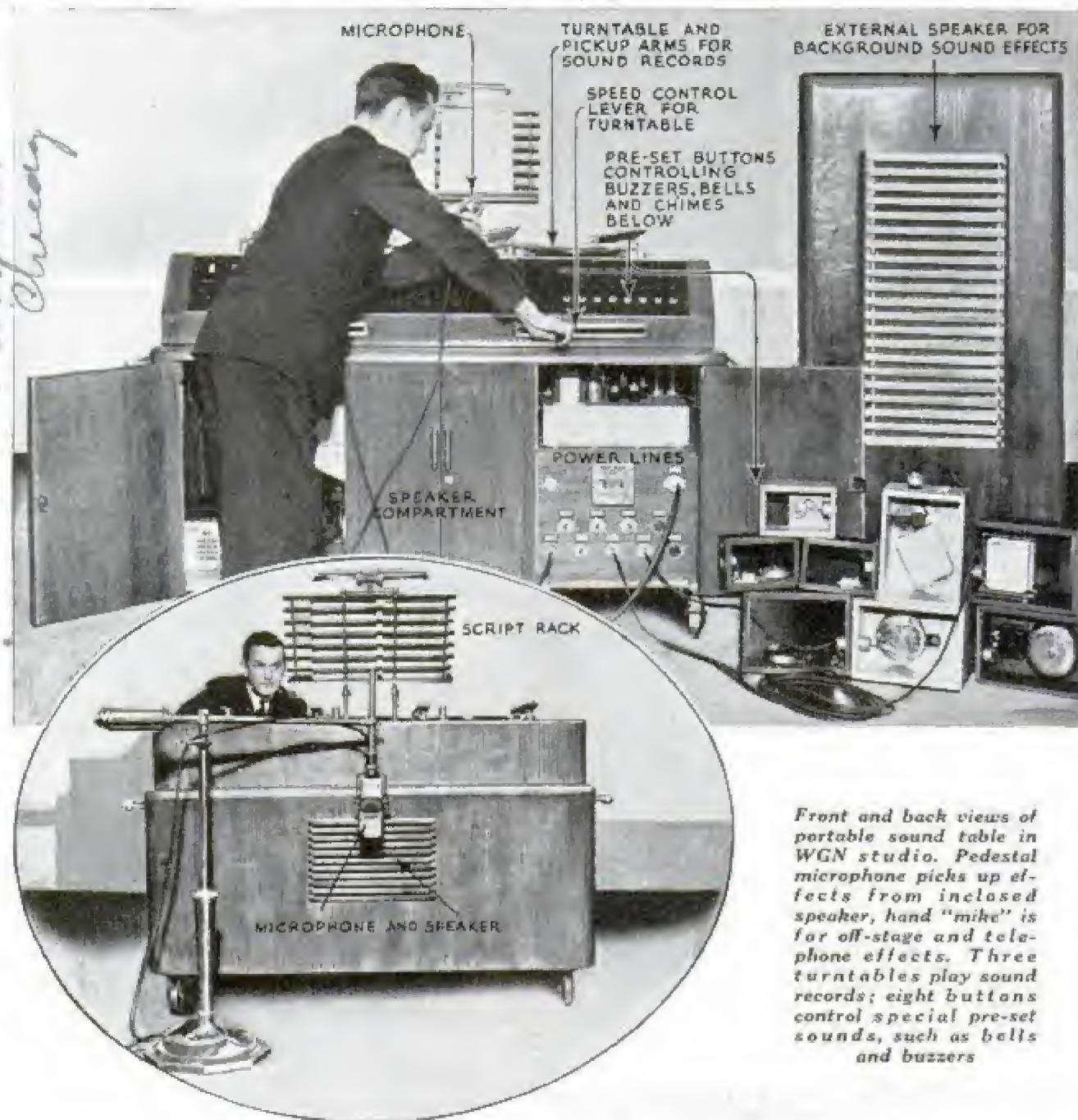


Top, routing out composition from around design intended for simple color printing. The work is easy. Below, proofs of three blocks required in three-color job, together with the final proof

Then a proof of the cut to be registered is taken and placed face down in position on the tint plate. Then the transfer of the cut is burnished down, giving a sharp line to cut to. All that is necessary is to outline the cut and rout out the dead area. Careful cutting insures perfect register for the color. Many schools and artists are taking

up engraving on linoleum, which also may be made an interesting hobby. With this new material, the amateur or professional can achieve a perfection of detail hitherto unknown to the linoleum engraver, particularly in the use of stippled color tones. The composition plates use all inks and may be electrotyped or stereotyped.

Radio Station Has a One-Man 'Sound Factory'



Front and back views of portable sound table in WGN studio. Pedestal microphone picks up effects from inclosed speaker; hand "mike" is for off-stage and telephone effects. Three turntables play sound records; eight buttons control special pre-set sounds, such as bells and buzzers.

Manual tooting of horns and jangling of bells by the sound-effects crew in the radio studio is outmoded by the versatile one-man electric table developed by engineers of station WGN, Chicago. All of the sound effects required for a dramatic broadcast can be delivered into the microphone from this one source, for it includes not only three electric turntables for tuning in sound records, but eight pushbuttons which produce various other sound effects pre-arranged for individual program requirements. This complete "sound factory" is mounted on six-inch solid rubber wheels, easily movable from studio to studio, and

a single technician can operate it, following the script on a rack over the table and pushing buttons or dropping pick-up arms on the turntables as the cues dictate. There is not only individual volume control for the turntables, but on the front of the table are two levers which can vary the speed of the record from zero to 120 revolutions per minute. It is also possible to reproduce "off-stage" voices, a voice heard over the telephone, or to distort the voice in various ways; a microphone at the center of the board can be plugged in and the quality of the voice varied by rheostatic controls. All the sounds emanate from a speaker

inclosed in the lower middle section of the board, but an additional speaker can also be attached to produce background tones. Two of these portable sound factories are used daily in producing dramatic programs.

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**Glass-Insulated
Shoes Resist
Weather**

Glass-insulated shoes, with fibrous glass converted into an adhesive paste and packed into the tiny crevices underneath the rim of the insole, have been found cooler in summer and warmer in winter than ordinary shoes. Tested on policemen, temperatures of the bottom of the soles, the insoles and feet were checked. A variance of twenty degrees was found between the glass-insulated shoes and those made in the usual way. It also was discovered that the fibrous glass kept the wearer's feet dry.

Hubby Deas Co., Newark, Del.
Test Light on Worker's Wrist Aids in Auto Repair Work



Testing auto wiring with handy combination service and test light worn on mechanic's wrist

Pony Taught to Take Barrier by Hurdle-Jumping Trainer



Here is the trainer going over the barrier with the pony. Note that the trainer knocked down the top pole at the jump.

M. Clinton

While Bell Metal, a Shetland stallion, was being exercised for the royal show at Flemington, Australia, his trainer taught the pony how to take the jumps. At one barrier, the trainer beat the animal over the jump, but he knocked down the top rail. At that moment an alert photographer snapped his camera. The resulting picture showed the trainer going over and the pony just preparing for the jump.

Attached to the worker's wrist, a small combination service and test light now on the market simplifies auto electrical repair work. Constant light on the work is afforded by a six-candlepower lamp, soldered on the cover of a buzzer box and attached to a leather wristband. A battery clip attached to any metal part of the car affords a common ground for both buzzer and light circuit. There are two needle or detector points to perforate insulation and make contact with circuits to be tested. One point connected to an open circuit turns on the lamp, illuminating the instrument in use. In seeking short circuits, the second point sounds the buzzer with each contact until the short is reached.

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Top, launching the beaching gear for clipper to be brought ashore. Bottom, Guam airport manager preparing clearance papers for clipper about to depart

FLYING

port job that "couldn't be done." Now regular passenger schedules are being maintained across the world's greatest ocean through all four seasons of the year. More than 2,000 passengers and half a million pounds of ocean air mail and cargo have been carried across the Pacific.

To conquer the Pacific, Pan American first used its Caribbean lines as a laboratory in which to perfect men and methods. Four-engined flying boats larger than ever used in regular service before were built and tested. Then, while the mid-Pacific bases were still under construction, flight after flight was made to Honolulu, to Midway, then to Wake, then to Guam. Nearly a half million miles were flown before the airway was opened to passengers.

NINE thousand miles to China and less than six days to get there!

Two years ago that was an impossible trip. Today you can cross the Pacific in less than a week, flying in safety and comfort and sleeping ashore every night but one on the islands that dot Pan American's trans-Pacific route. It's five days and five hours to Asia this year, sixty hours of flight time.

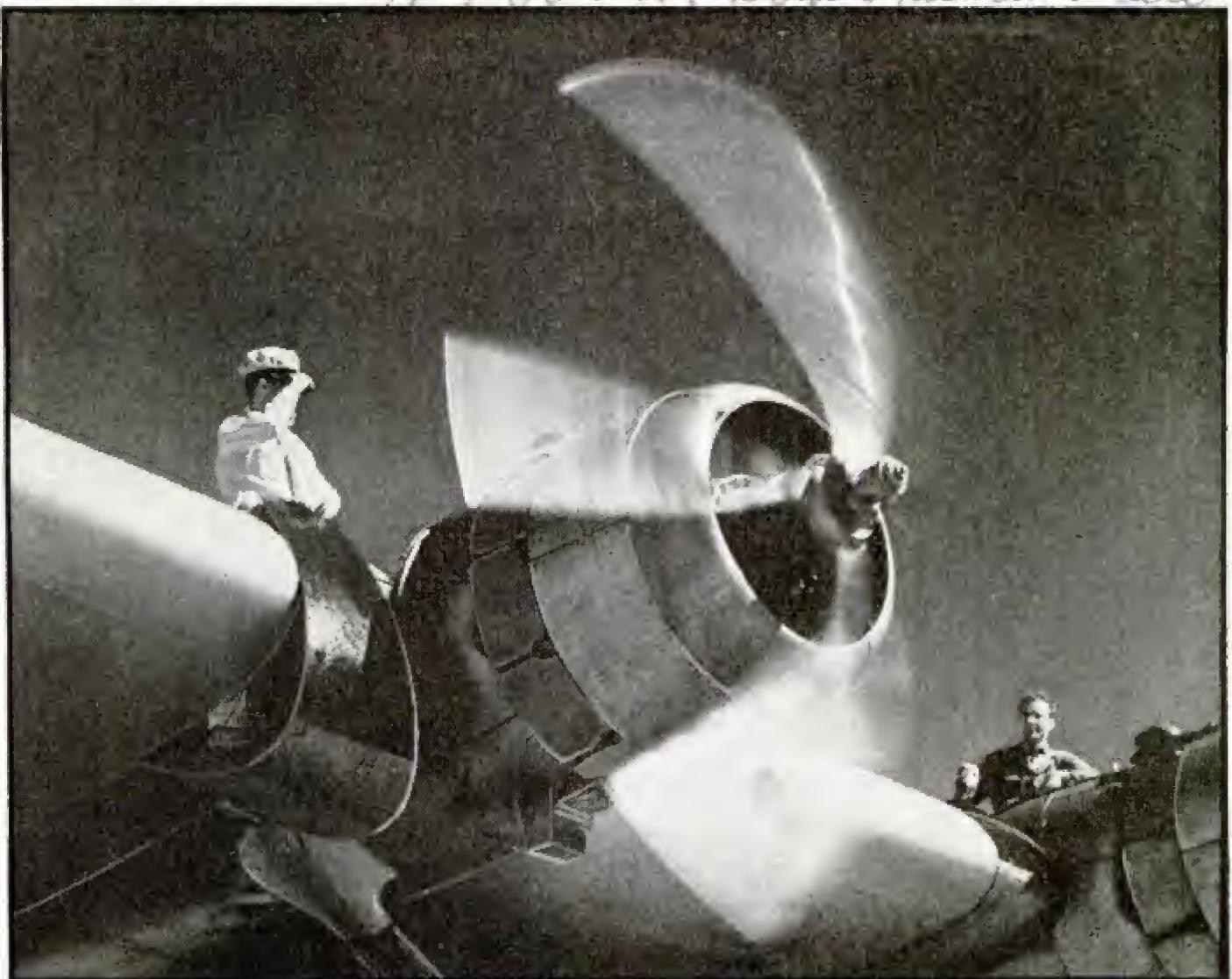
Not so long ago this was the air trans-

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Pan American Airways

429 Bush St., San Francisco Calif.



the CHINA CLIPPERS

Flying the ocean is an entirely different art from ordinary transport flying over land. Crews have to be trained mariners as well as airmen. The pilot in charge is officially the captain and the cockpit is called the bridge.

Pan American operates on the principle that when one of its clippers goes to sea it must take care of itself as ably as a big liner. The flying boat has to be both air-worthy and seaworthy, able to make a landfall without outside aid. The great clippers are navigated over the ocean exactly the same way as are surface vessels. The captain uses dead reckoning, celestial observations, radio bearings, and combinations of these methods for making his way across the sea. There is no flying the beam on the ocean.

The clippers use the same basic prin-

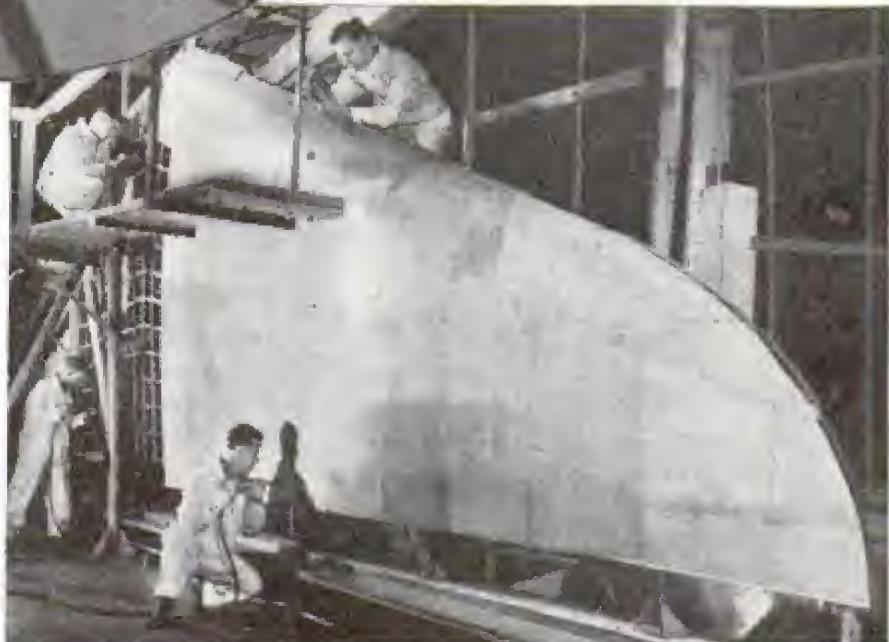


Top, testing engine. Bottom, releasing aluminum powder bomb. Drift indicator on window is used to sight the bright spot the powder makes on water



plies of celestial navigation that were used in the old days of the sailing clippers, simplified for convenience in the air. The navigator often combines this art with radio in a number of ways, such as crossing a radio bearing with a sun line to get his position or by taking a radio bearing on a near-by ship whose position is known. If all radio communication should fail the clipper could make its way home.

Between San Francisco bay and Manila the airway uses three twenty-six-ton Martin flying boats, the China Clipper, the Hawaii Clipper, and the Philippine Clipper. The great ninety-foot hull of one of these boats is divided into six watertight compartments, any two of which could keep the plane afloat if necessary. A clipper can cruise and climb on any three of its four engines. At Manila you transfer to a four-engined Sikorsky for the final five-hour jump to Asia.



Top, clipper navigator demonstrating use of octant. Bottom, workmen busy on tail surfaces of new clipper

control surface shape - Boeing

officer are sitting at the controls as the plane flies under the guidance of the automatic pilot. The plane is hundreds of miles from the nearest land. Right now it is nearly time for the hourly radio report and every officer on watch is busy preparing for it.

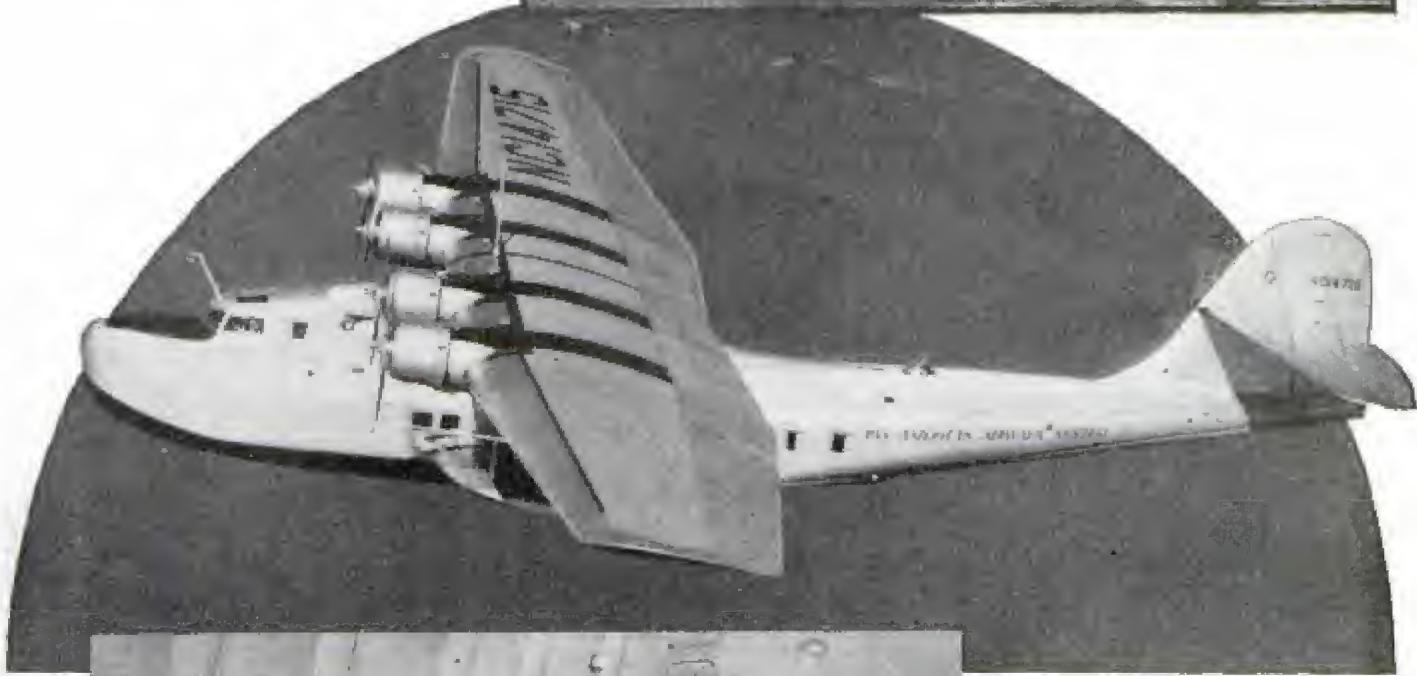
The engineering officer at his post up under the wing has just inspected his four

To get an idea of what flying the Pacific is like, let's put ourselves on board the Philippine Clipper, eastbound out of Hawaii. It is four o'clock in the morning and the passengers who left Honolulu yesterday afternoon are asleep in their staterooms. The clipper is flying at 7,800 feet and is due to land at Alameda on San Francisco bay in another five hours.

In the subdued glow of the instrument lights on the bridge, up on the flight deck, the chief officer and his junior

engines with a flashlight. This is simply a safety check because the light blue exhausts, the steady drumming of the power plants, and the needles of his instruments tell him that all is going well. Right now he is checking over most of his 181 instruments and levers before writing up the engineering log.

The navigator has just returned to the chart room on the lower deck after making a celestial



Top, crew going aboard a clipper. Center, Pan American clipper departing on overnight hop to Honolulu. Bottom, passengers at table in main saloon of the clipper as it wings its way across the Pacific

observation. To do this he walked through the plane to the after companion-way where he slid back the hatch and obtained a "star fix" by sighting the star through the eyepiece of his octant and bringing it down to the level of his instrument's artificial horizon. The master compass and chronometer in the chart room, as well as air speed indicators and altimeters duplicating those on the bridge, will help him work out the problem. The clipper's

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Newsprint Cores Used to Build 'Log' Houses

Potentialities of a new building material have been demonstrated by a development in Texas. It started when a Dallas editor built a playhouse for his daughter and used cores from newsprint rolls like logs. The cores, whose composition mainly is paper and glue, are treated with linseed oil and then painted, pre-



Views of cabins built with newsprint cores. The resemblance to logs is remarkable. Top, note interior of cabin papered with old newspaper mats

thus benefiting both. Eleven and one-half feet square, the playhouse contains 160 cores, each sixty-eight and one-half inches long. Total labor cost was forty dollars. Among other core houses erected in the same section is a Boy Scout cabin, measuring twelve by eighteen feet, in which 300 cores were used. Perhaps the most elaborate structure is a five-room house. Because of the resemblance of cores to logs, this house has the appearance of an expensive log cabin. Between 1,200 and 1,500 paper cores were used, most of which were split lengthwise. The half cores were joined at the corners with asphalt. The interior of the house is stucco-finished, with pine paneling, while the exterior is "painted" with linseed oil to make it waterproof.

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Ancient Volcanoes Yield Gold, Silver, Oil and Diamonds

From the craters of ancient volcanoes come gold, silver, oil and diamonds, members of the nation's geological survey, department of interior, have revealed. \$375,000,000 in gold has been taken from the crater of an extinct volcano in the

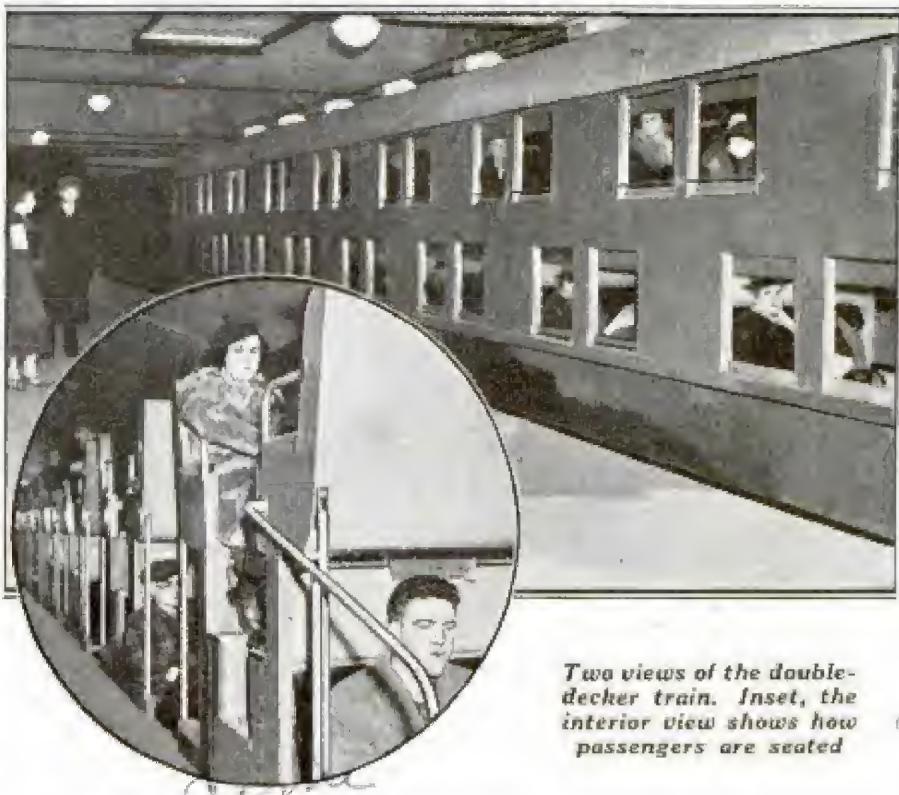
venting moisture from penetrating them. Previously considered a nuisance around printing plants, the cores should last as long as brick or wood, the editor points out. Through establishing their value as a building material, the editor believes newspaper owners may sell the cores at perhaps ten cents each to persons unable to pay regular prices for building supplies,

*at Geological Survey
Washington*

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Cripple Creek district of Colorado. This volcano erupted about twenty-five million years ago, after which the deposition of large quantities of gold ore in fractures and fissures of the crater occurred. Also in Colorado, veins related to Silverton volcano in the San Juan mountains have produced \$270,000,000 worth of gold and silver. Several important oil pools lie in volcanic cones and necks in Texas. The ancient volcanoes of the Gulf coastal plain which extends through Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi erupted about eighty million years ago, but only since 1915 have their oil deposits been known. In the throats of this same group of volcanoes, in Arkansas, diamond deposits have been found. The largest crater known is in New Mexico.

Aluminum Double-Deck Cars Give More Passenger Space



Two views of the double-decker train. Inset, the interior view shows how passengers are seated

Designed to relieve traffic congestion, all-aluminum double-deck railroad cars have been placed in service on the Long Island railroad. Each car seats 136 passengers, considerably more than could be carried by the ordinary car.

H 95 Curtain of Hot Air Bars Cold at Factory's Open Door



*Worker at left, outside hot-air curtain, wears heavy clothing.
Worker at right is comfortable in light clothing*

Also Motor Works

Although the big door near the end of the assembly line in one big automobile plant is left open frequently, workers do not suffer from winter's chilling blasts. A curtain of hot air keeps out the cold. A huge rotary fan drives air through steam-heating coils and then downward to the floor through a narrow overhead vent extending the full width of the door. The warm downward current excludes the outside air to a large extent and mixes with such cold air as does filter through. As a result it is possible, even in zero temperatures, to leave the door wide open for the passage of new cars while assembly men near by work in an even temperature of seventy-two degrees.

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Hi - how long is
17.00 board
Road.

Camera Giant Stretches Bellows Twenty Feet



In the heyday of the miniature camera, a camera taller than a man is news. A Cleveland factory has just installed this photographic giant, for color separation work. It registers on a plate about five feet square, and its bellows stretches out to a length of twenty feet. The camera cost \$25,000.

Here is a camera too big to squeeze into its own picture! Used for color separation work, it requires a plate five feet square and its bellows stretches out twenty feet

Hydraulic Highway Scraper Shows Depth of Cut on Dial

Road grading with considerable accuracy is possible with a hydraulic scraper which has an indicator dial showing the operator the exact depth of the cut, or the height of the bowl above the ground when spreading. Three identical hydraulic cylinders are required to operate it. The power is furnished by a specially designed rotary gear pump.

Arrow points to dial which tells operator exact depth of slice the road grader is cutting. This one is turning on a twenty-six foot fill



Automobile Converted for Use on Railroad Travels Alaskan Line



Automobile used as private car by general manager of Alaska railroad

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With flanges bolted on its wheels, an automobile is used on the Alaska Railroad as the private car of Col. Otto Ohlson, general manager. Of the sedan type, the auto travels at good speed to all parts of the line. In winter, it moves along behind snowplows clearing away snow, since the car is not heavy enough to buck big snowdrifts.

Names and addresses of manufacturers and dealers in articles described in this magazine will be furnished by our Bureau of Information upon request accompanied by stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Portable Plywood Cottage Packs on a Trailer



For summer home or camping trip, here is a portable cottage of pre-built sections combining the security of a permanent dwelling with the freedom of a tent. Its walls are four-foot plywood units with phenolic resin binder for weather-resistance, and aluminum alloy extruded shapes for rigidity and lightness. It can be assembled or disassembled in a few hours, and folds compactly in a semi-trailer. Above is a front view of the house, the walk and garden giving it a homey appearance. Its roof is of fifteen-ounce canvas, and extends over a floored veranda. Ridgepole and rafters are aluminum tubing.

Chassis • Cover

Wagon



Sixteen-foot semi-trailer, above, is low enough to permit rear-view vision when towed yet can carry not only portable cottage but all its furnishings and a fourteen-foot outboard motor boat. After cabin is erected, trailer can be used for side trips, carrying boat and accommodating four cots for overnight camp.

*616 Cass St.
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Interior views of cabin, above and at bottom, show how roomy it is. Floor area is twelve by sixteen feet, ample for twin beds and cot, chests, stove and sink, table and chairs, all of which pack in trailer



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The WORLD'S MOST COSTLY MOVING THINGS

NEW U.S. WARSHIPS *to Cost*



PIONEERING a new type of fighting vessel, the \$70,000,000 battleships "North Carolina" and "Washington" now under construction are rated as the most costly moving things ever devised. The "North Carolina" is being built at New York, the "Washington" at Philadelphia.

Exciting more interest among the world's naval powers than did Germany's "pocket battleships," the two ships are expected to be the hardest-hitting, most nearly invulnerable fighting craft in history. Experts prophesy that when the "North Carolina" and "Washington" are commissioned in 1942, they will have in their 40,000 odd tons vastly more of human ingenuity than Germany's 10,000-ton "Deutschlands."

Of vast importance to naval science is the promise that the two battleships will be more

than battleships. There is no word that adequately describes their enormous tactical value, and the only phrase that fits them is "mobile naval bases."

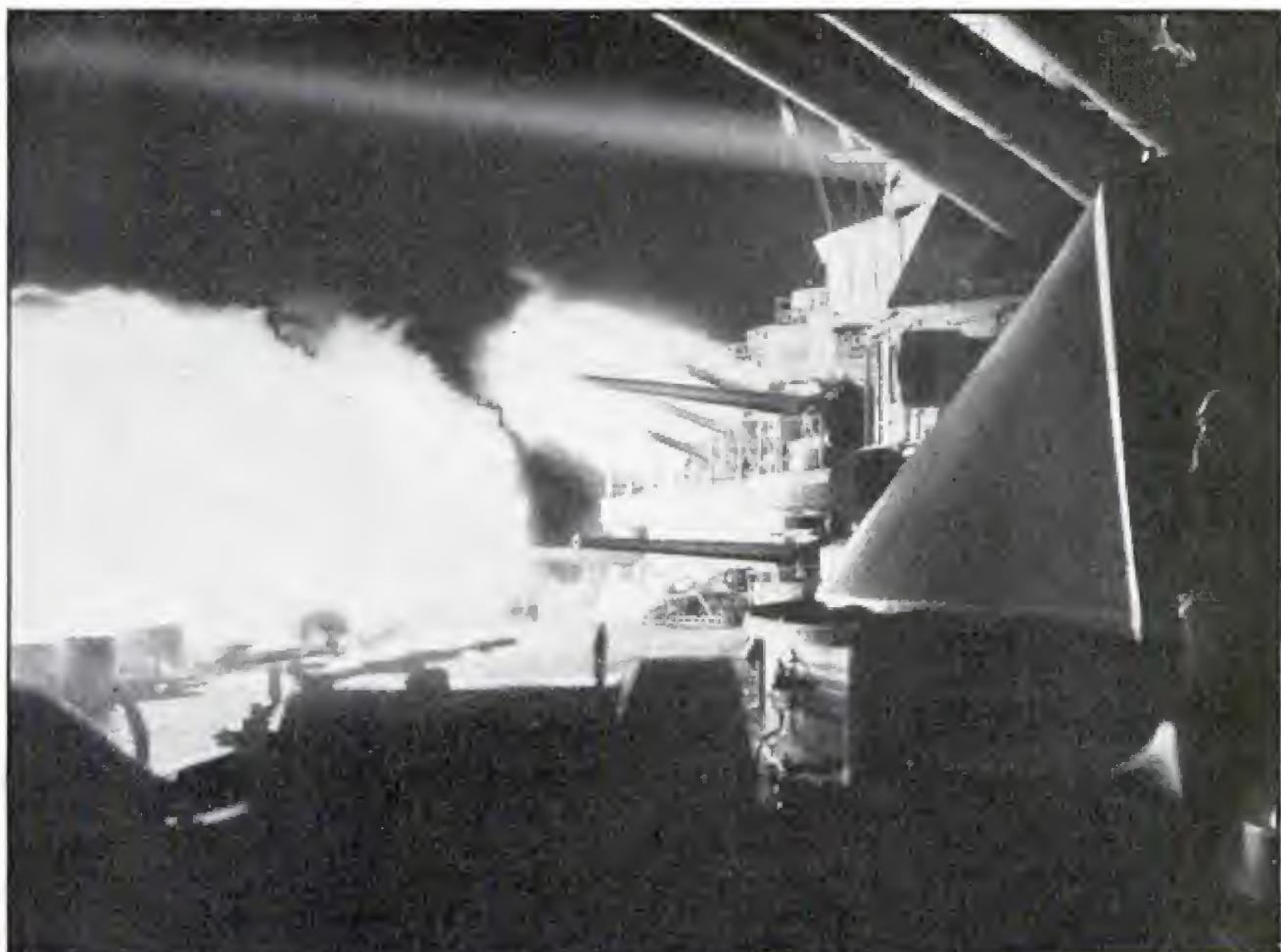
The terrific striking power of their nine sixteen-inch guns, with an effective range of twenty miles, will be merely their chief offensive reason for existence. They, and their projected sister ships, actually will be relatively impregnable rallying points for all other arms



Top, U.S.S. "Pennsylvania," flagship of the fleet, forging ahead in maneuvers. Bottom, new type 1,850-ton destroyer leader "Balch"

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Top, Flagship "Pennsylvania" engaging in night battle practice. Here the secondary battery hurls projectiles at distant targets. Bottom, the battle line, with the U.S.S. "Arizona" leading



Battleship "New Mexico," which with her sisters, the "Idaho" and the "Mississippi," was reconstructed. At a cost of \$42,000,000 the ships were made the most modern units of the U. S. battle line

of the United States fleet. A favorite plaint of self-appointed naval critics has been this nation's lack of naval bases, particularly in the Pacific. The United States navy believes that these ships will meet this need to a great extent. In other words, ships of this type are not going to be mere sea-going platforms for their main batteries, but actual centers of protection, intelligence, communication and sustenance for squadrons of lesser power and radius.

These factors explain why the navy department has guarded details of their design so jealously and why their cost will be so great. Indicative of the vast amount of fighting gear to be packed into their great gray hulls is the fact that the battleship "Pennsylvania," present flagship of the U. S. fleet, was built at a cost of \$7,260,000. The "Pennsylvania," recently modernized, is of top rank today as a first-line battleship. Further, the \$70,000,000 cost figure announced for each of the new-type ships is an arbitrary one, which may be increased by \$10,000,000 before they go into commission. In short, the new ships will cost ten times as much as the "Pennsylvania."

Why will the new ships cost such huge sums?

Simply because they will be huge intricacies of naval science far in advance of any capital ships now built and because they will contain facilities for offense, defense and other equally vital factors of naval warfare probably unthought of for other capital ships now building.

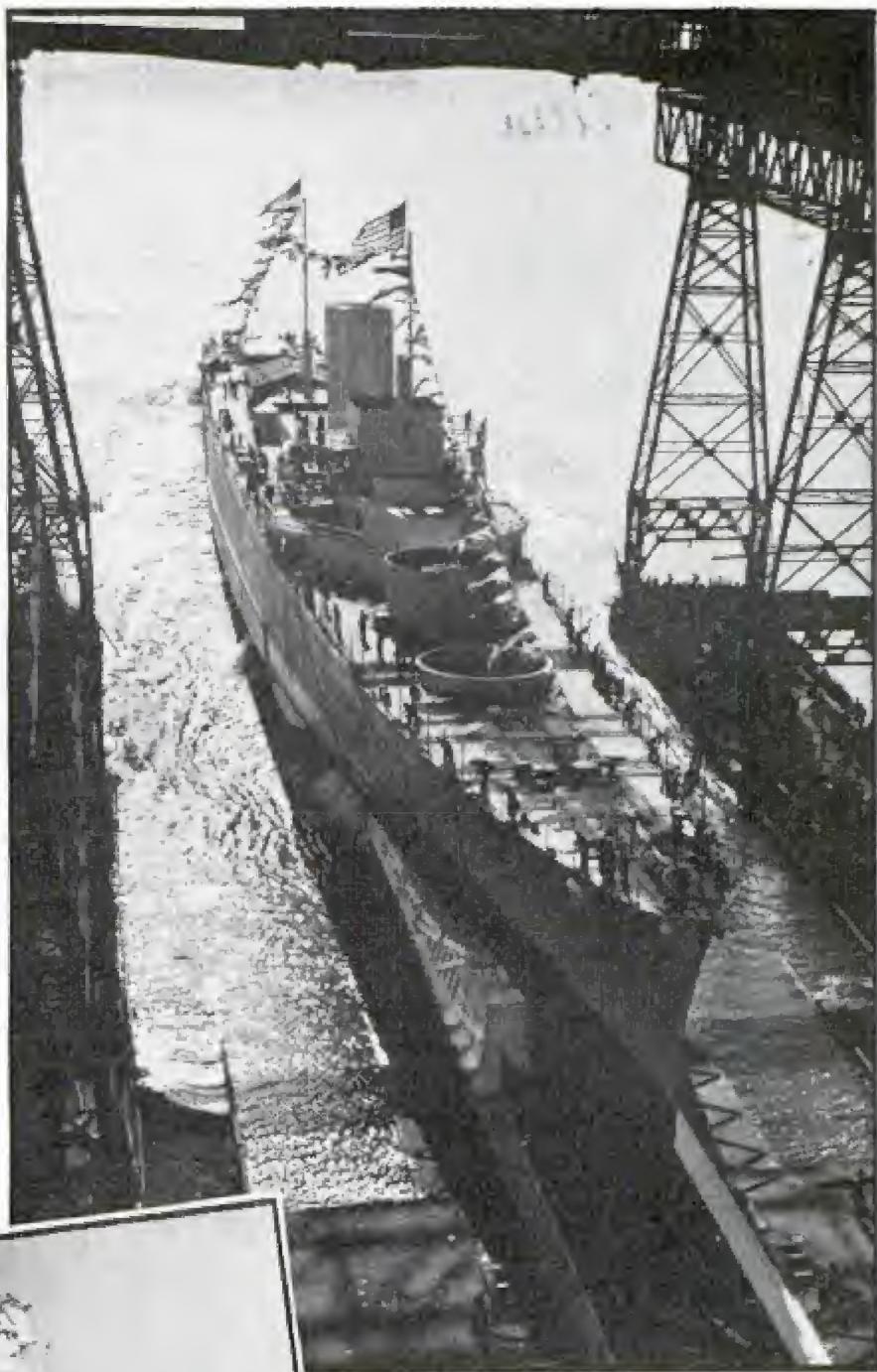
The navy commissioned its last battleship, the "West Virginia," in 1923. Yet in the interim, when limitation treaties and other factors prevented replacement of obsolete ships, the navy has not rested on its oars. It has carried on an intensive, long-range program of research and experimentation against the day when it could begin the rebuilding of its pre-Jutland battle line.

This work, almost all of which has been carefully shielded from public knowledge, has included tests of armor plate and watertight compartmentation with shells, torpedoes, mines and aerial bombs under closely simulated conditions of actual battle; tests of ship models in model basins, under accurately imposed conditions of stress of weather and damaged hulls; secret development of gas and chemical offense and defense methods; development of new fire-control systems of startling accuracy and speed of calculation; develop-

ment of geared turbine main engines with high-pressure steam, thus gaining a power plant of superior efficiency and reliability, yet several hundred tons lighter and more compact than existing installations; the utilization of new metals and electric welding to reduce greatly the weight of hull structures while increasing their inherent strength, thus making more weight available for armor and armament; perfection of new-type guns for both main and secondary batteries, assuring greater effective ranges as well as increased volume and accuracy of fire.

All of these things, and hundreds of others as important, are being incorporated in the design of the "North Carolina" and "Washington."

They have been announced as of "35,000 tons displacement" but indications are that, when com-



Official Navy photo

Top, launching of the 10,000-ton "Wichita," cruiser with main battery of nine eight-inch guns. Bottom, forward turrets of the "New Mexico"

pleted and ready for sea, their actual displacement will be well in excess of 40,000 tons and their length in excess of 700 feet.

On much the same type of installation as on our newest heavy cruisers of the "Astoria" class, the new ships will mount nine sixteen-inch guns in three, three-gun turrets. Details of their broadside battery are being closely guarded, but best information is that it will be twelve five-inch guns. These probably would be mounted in two-gun "bee-hive" turrets, with extreme elevation so

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Fiber from a Desert Flower Creates a New Industry

see letter



This basket is one of the products made from fibers of yucca, the flower that grows wild in desert

Yucca, the wild flower that thrives on western deserts where little else can grow, is the basis of a new industry. Machinery has been developed for processing the fibers in its leaves, and experimental farms have grown thirty tons of yucca worth around three dollars a ton on an acre of desert land valued at two dollars or less. Indians have used this "Spanish dagger" plant for many years, but commercial development has only begun. Experiments in Arizona indicate yucca fiber is no more difficult to produce than hemp, jute and sisal, of which \$150,000,000 worth were imported from foreign lands in 1936.

One-Third of World's Highways Located in America

Nearly one-third of the world's 9,687,000 miles of highways was located in the United States at the start of 1937, accord-

ing to a survey by the Automotive-Aeronautics Trade division, bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The United States had approximately 3,065,000 miles of roads. In countries covered by the survey there were registered about 40,549,000 motor vehicles, of which the United States has 28,520,500, or more than two-thirds of the world total. At the close of 1929, the world's highways totaled 6,582,000 miles and the motor vehicle registration was 32,034,600. Thus in eight years, the highway mileage of the world increased more than 3,105,000 miles and the number of motor vehicles increased approximately 12,028,400. The use and the number of motor vehicles are progressing at a faster rate than the extension of new highways, since an increasing proportion of road funds is being used to reconstruct existing routes.

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Tire Spreaders Form an Easel for Handy Removal of Tube

By placing a pair of the latest type tire spreaders opposite each other, on each side of the casing, you can spread the beads around the entire circumference of the tire. At the same time the handles of these spreaders form an easel, which holds the tire in an oblique position that makes removal of the tube, inspection of the casing and reinsertion of the tube easy. The spreaders are durable and resistant to rust.



Handles of these twin tire spreaders support tire in easy position for inspection and repair

Motor Specialty Co

Dept. of Commerce
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Columbus, Ohio.

Electric Motor's 'Granddaddy' Built by Smithy

Just past its hundred-year mark is that granddaddy of electric motors, the model on which an obscure village blacksmith of Brandon, Vt., was granted a patent in 1837. Like many inventors, his brainchild did him little good, for electricity was too rare and costly to make use of engines, and Thomas Davenport, the smithy who obtained patent No. 132 on his method of obtaining rotary motion from an electromagnet, died without seeing his motor adopted by industry. In 1833 Davenport had driven to Crown Point, N. Y., to see an electromagnet used by a foundry. Impressed, he bought the magnet for \$75, took it apart to see what made it work, then built a larger one. He mounted an iron bar on an axis, free to revolve across the poles of his magnet, and by making and breaking current manually he produced rotary motion. Not until 1837 did he obtain enough money to build the patent model, now in the national museum at Washington. It embodies all the essentials of modern direct-current motors, with revolving armature, commutator and brushes. Davenport also built an operating model of an electric railway to demonstrate the possibilities of his motor.



Top, Thomas Davenport demonstrating his operating model showing the possibilities of an electric railway motor. His invention is 100 years old. Below is Davenport's patent model of electric motor

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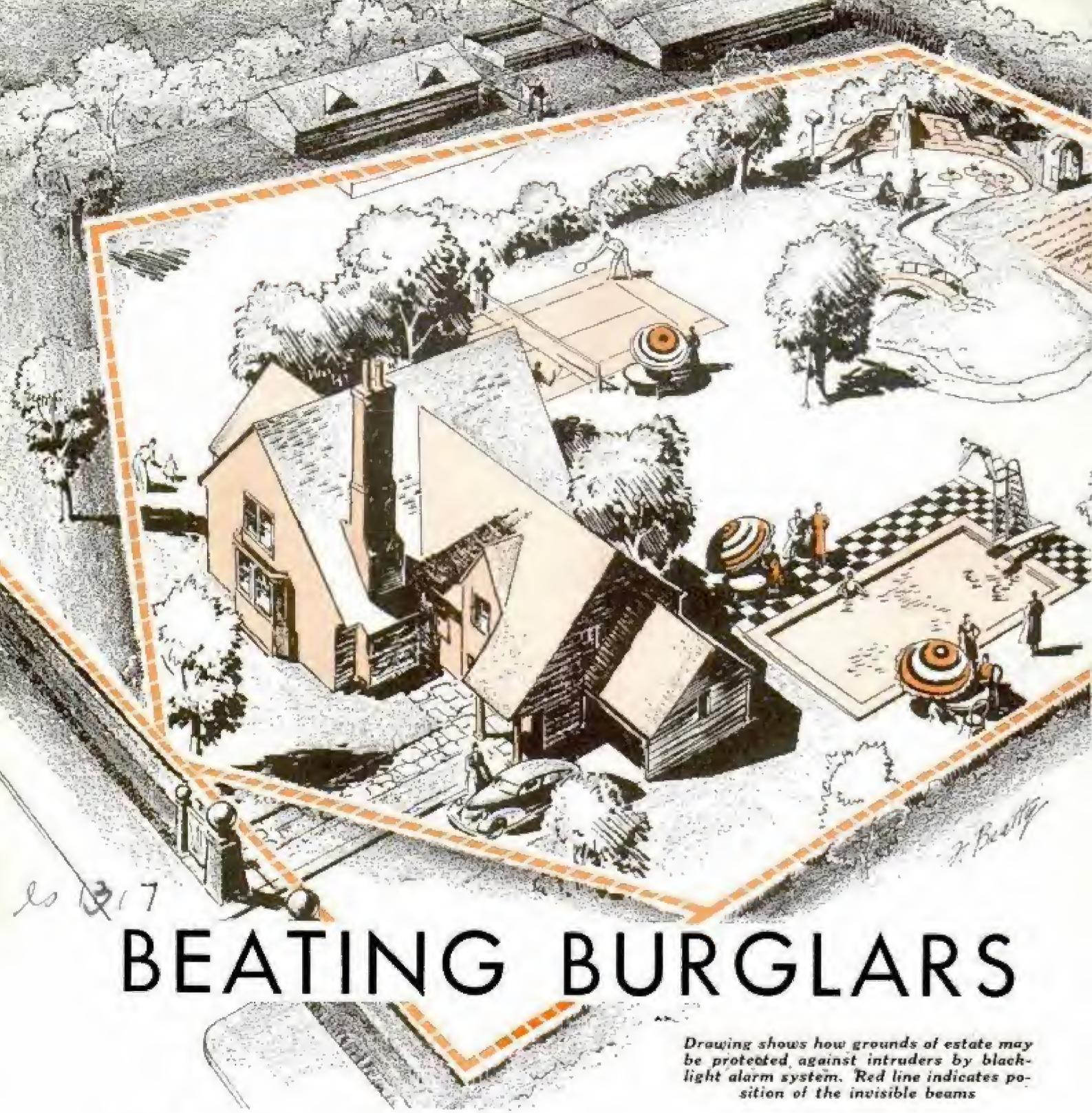
Raised Ramp in Middle of Road Guides Army Trucks



*Here is the military train on specially built road.
Note raised ramp in center*

Expected to prove invaluable in military operations, a new type road in Italy has a raised ramp which serves as a guide for trailers drawn by army trucks. Beneath the truck and trailer are guide rods which fit as flanges on either side of the ramp. The ramp is in the middle of the road. By means of the ramp, one big truck or tractor can tow several trailers without danger of running off the road on curves.

Send return postage to our Bureau of Information to learn the name of the maker of any device described in this magazine.



BEATING BURGLARS

Drawing shows how grounds of estate may be protected against intruders by black-light alarm system. Red line indicates position of the invisible beams

LATE one night recently the watchman of a Santa Barbara estate completed his hourly tour of the gardens and retired inside the house. He had been especially alert because kidnaping threats had been sent his employer.

A few minutes later three masked men vaulted a low street wall and dashed toward a side door. Before they were half way across the lawn powerful floodlights flashed on and a siren on the roof sounded. The watchman reappeared and started firing, routing the intruders.

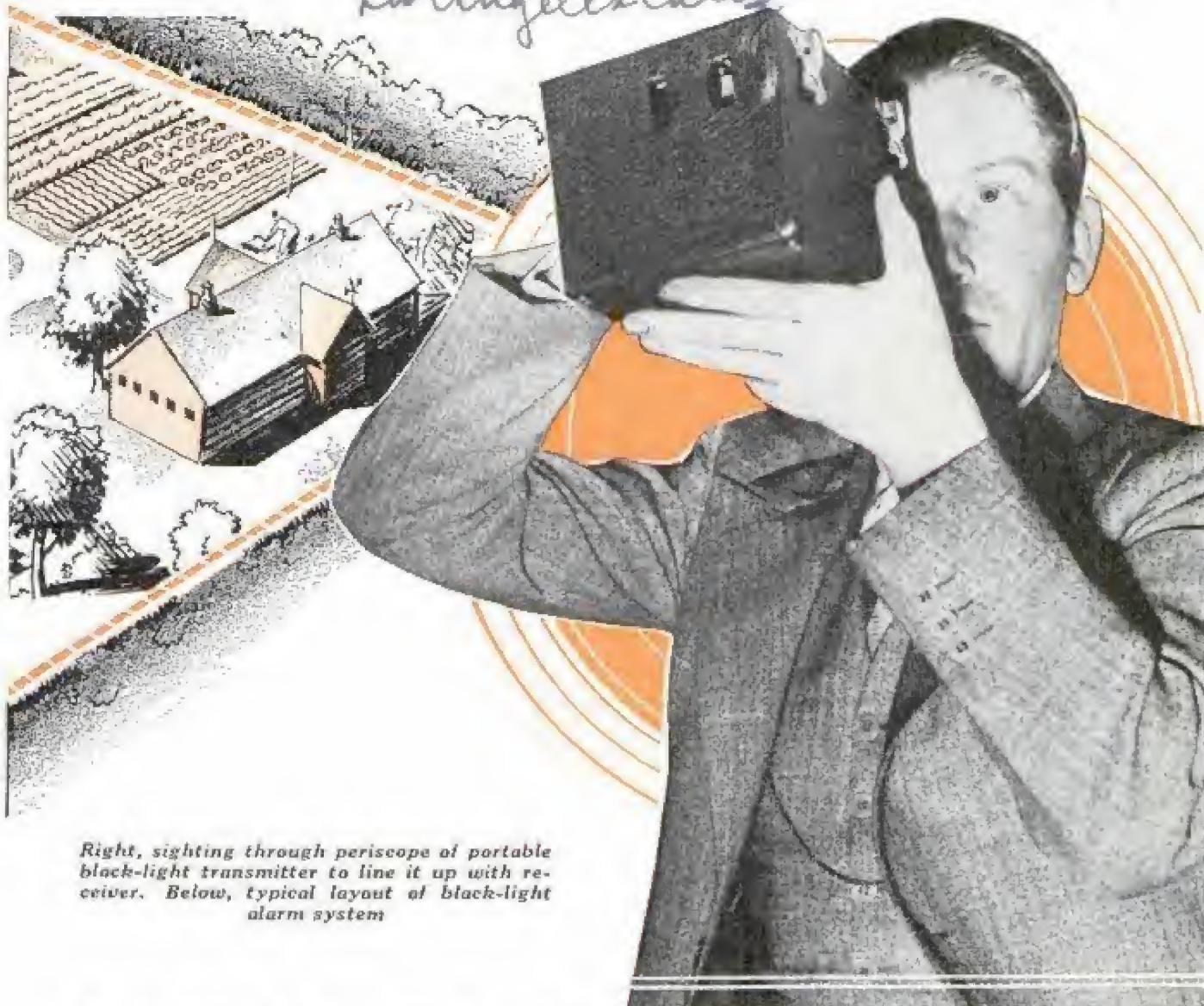
The thugs probably blamed their defeat

on the mere chance that the watchman happened to see their advance. Actually, they were beaten by black light. Infrared beams, crisscrossing the grounds around the house, had tipped off their presence as definitely as if they had rung the front doorbell. No one could pass through the invisible net without announcing himself.

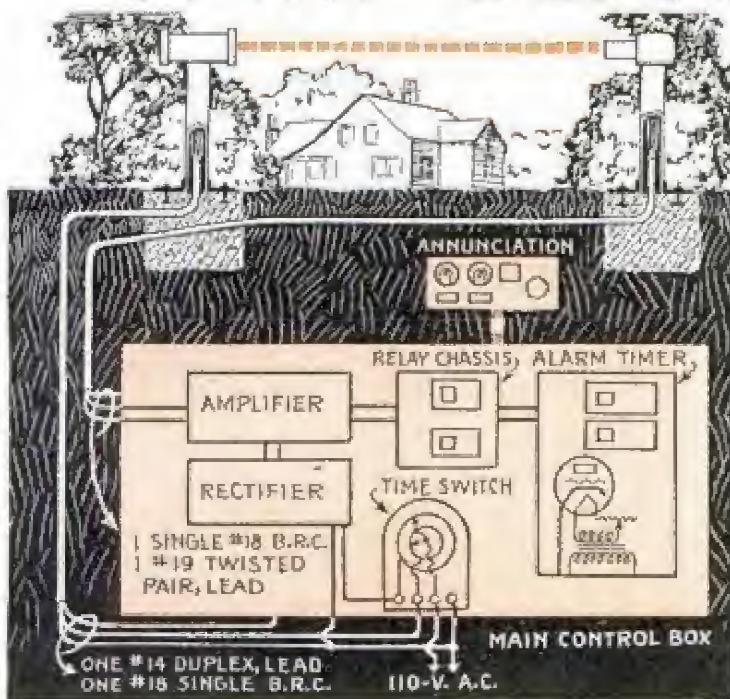
There is nothing new in the idea of using a light ray focused on a photoelectric cell as a barrier beam. Interruption of the ray operates a relay, causing an alarm to be sounded. But the ordinary white light electric-eye hook-up can be detected when

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With BLACK LIGHT



used in a burglar-alarm system. Its visible rays give it away.

The black beams used on the Santa Barbara estate, being invisible, never betray themselves or their sources. The beams consist of electromagnetic waves in the infrared portion of the spectrum and can pass through rain, fog, and dust as readily as through ordinary air. They are heat waves instead of light waves. They can even be made to work under water. They work as well by day as by night and are not affected by any rays aside from those coming from an installed source. Even the experts who install a black-light burglar-alarm system are unable to get through one of them without setting off the alarm.

Black light is being used as a never-sleeping watchman for guarding houses



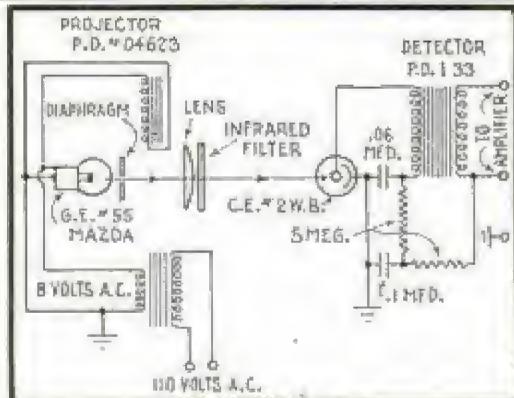
Photocell in currency drawer gives alarm when certain sheaf of bills is removed

and estates, for protecting commercial buildings and factories, for guarding prison walls, and for similar purposes. Interlopers never know when they will be exposed because they have no way of finding out where the beams are. In commercial installations a loud gong, in addition to the floodlights, frequently serves to scare away intruders even when no watchman is present.

In an installation that has guarded a Hollywood home for four years, thirty-two beams are used inside and outside the house. Projectors and electric-eye receivers set in permanent standards are concealed in shrubbery, rock walls, sun-dial bases and similar garden ornaments. At some of the corners of the estate are tiny panchromatic mirrors that reflect the beams. Each beam has a throw of from 100 to 180 feet and the ends of consecutive

beams are crossed so as to "lock up" every foot of the grounds. The beams are less than an inch in cross section and are usually placed twenty to twenty-eight inches above the ground. Sensitivity of this system is such that birds or falling leaves have no effect, yet it never fails if a person attempts to run or jump through one of the infrared paths.

In this installation the hook-up really consists of two individual closed circuits, one of which is turned on and off by automatic clockwork, the other being operated manually by the watchman. Doorways are guarded by as many as three separate beams. If any beam is intercepted or if tampering is attempted on any part of the circuit, the entire grounds and interior of the house are flooded with light, a siren on the roof



Center, typical hookup of projector and detector. Bottom, projector consists of tiny light, diaphragm, lens and infrared filter. It may be mounted in steel or concrete post

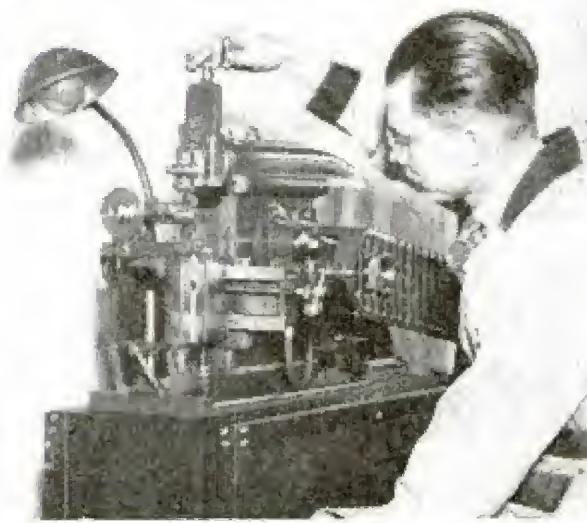
begins to howl, a buzzer in the watchman's quarters sounds and a red light flashes on an annunciator board. One look at the board tells the watchman the exact scene of the trouble. Finally, if the watchman does not return and lock off still another circuit within a certain number of minutes, a signal automatically flashes at police headquarters. The annunciator board shows the condition of each part of the circuits. It is also equipped with switches so that any beam can be shut off temporarily, as when the owner desires to unlock the driveway beam to permit an automobile to enter. Beams that guard doors and hallways inside the house can be unlocked by members of the family or by servants who need to pass through. After unlocking one of the beams they must pass through its path within thirty seconds because the beam automatically switches on at the end of that period. If the power source that operates the black lights fails or if the wires are cut, the entire system automatically switches over to stand-by batteries and an alarm that indicates the trouble sounds.

On this estate the owner sometimes proposes a new game to his guests, telling them that anyone who succeeds in leaving the house and grounds without setting off an alarm will win a prize. No one has been able to do it yet, though guests have tried crawling, high jumping, and hoisting themselves along the walls. An elaborate installation of this kind may cost as high as \$20,000. One feature of black-light protection is its lack of service requirements.

Black-light protection of this kind was developed by C. W. Larson and M. B. Gilbert, former sound technicians of the motion-picture studios. The Western Electronic Corporation of Los Angeles, which they have formed, has provided installations for nearly 100 estates in southern California.

The source of one of these invisible beams is nothing more than an ordinary six-volt lamp such as is used to illuminate an automobile instrument board. Light from the lamp passes through a small hole in a diaphragm and is collected by a focusing lens in the patented projector so that the beam will be confined to a small cross section. An almost opaque glass filter in

Portable Shaping Machine Surfaces Small Castings



This portable shaper is quickly adjustable from zero to six and one-half inch stroke

Small, irregular castings can be surfaced and finished with a six-inch crank shaper mounted on rollers so that it can be moved to the job quickly. It is equally useful for machining out blanking dies and for flat work that requires slotting or grooving. The stroke is adjustable from zero to six and one-half inches, and this is done very rapidly by loosening a single bolt. It takes only two or three minutes to change over for another job. This shaper has a three-step cone pulley and its helical-cut drive gear is made of Bakelite.

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Small Safe for Automobiles

Car Safe



Compact, fire-proof and burglar-resistant, a small safe for the automobile is attached to the steering post. It is opened and locked by a simple combination lock mechanism. The safe, al-

though attached to the steering post by two strong metal clamp assemblies, can be removed by one screw only when its door is open. The safe is useful for salesmen, paymasters and others who must carry valuables in their work.

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Kauf mfg Co 521-3846
Feb 10, 1946

Feather-Edge Sanding Tool Speeds Auto Painting

~~Special Auto Painting~~
~~single - \$2.50 per foot~~



Here is the feather-edge sander in use, removing paint from auto body

Eliminating all hand work in connection with sanding and grinding, a new feather-edge sander saves labor in automobile body and fender painting. One sander, together with accessories, does all the sanding, including feather-edging reversed curves, paint removal and grinding needed on body or fenders. Feather edging may be done in one-twelfth the time required under hand methods. All filing and scraping on reversed curves are eliminated.

Muffler for Drum Practice

Eliminates the Diner.



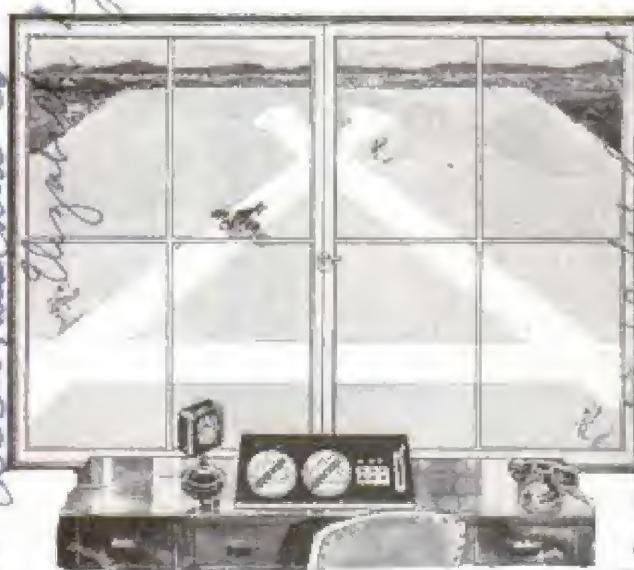
practice at home now without disturbing the family and arousing the neighbors. A muffler that clamps over the drum head enables the player to practice

his rolls and figures, getting the "feel" and hearing the rhythm of the sticks without creating a loud noise. The muffler is adjustable to fit any size drum, and furnishes a round playing surface four inches in diameter, resilient like the drum head itself. Being centered, it trains the player to strike at the center of the drum.

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System of Vanes Guides Pilot to Proper Runway

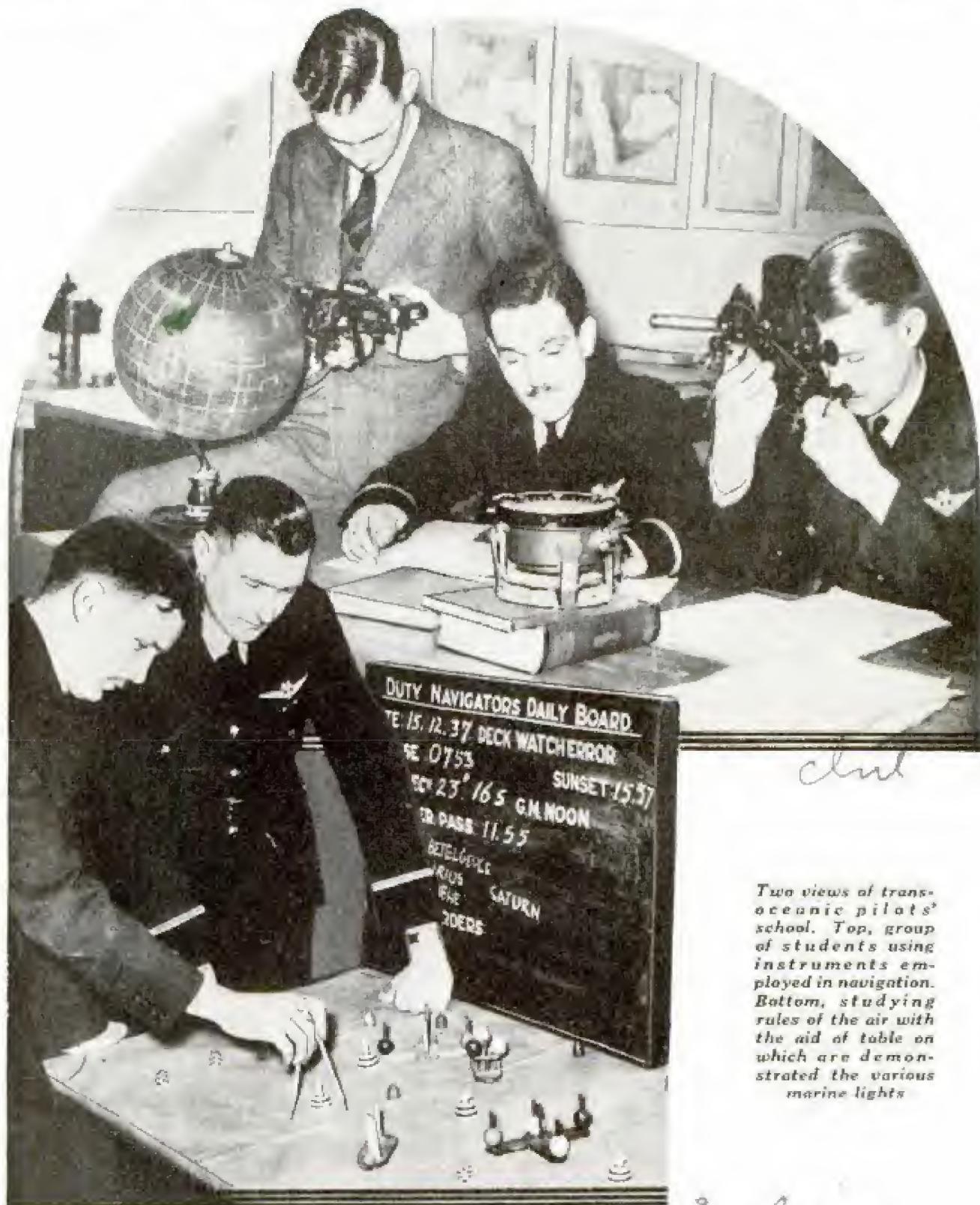
Incoming airplanes are guided to the proper runway by an automatic vane system designed for busy airports. The principle involved is that a conspicuous air vane, or series of vanes on the field, shall be under the control of the traffic officer, this control being exercised electrically from the airport tower. When there is little or no wind, the control officer may designate by means of the vanes the runway to be used by incoming craft. The automatic system makes it unnecessary for the officer to notice changes in direction or increase in velocity of the wind. Should the wind veer or increase above a previously determined velocity, the air pressure overcomes the electrical control and all the



Sketch shows how system of vanes directs pilot to proper runway at airport

vanes indicate the true direction of the wind. In case of a lull, the vanes return to the direction originally set by the control officer, leaving him free to concentrate on other matters confident he is not instructing a pilot to use a runway made unsuitable by wind conditions at the moment.

Flying School Trains Transatlantic Pilots



Two views of trans-oceanic pilots' school. Top, group of students using instruments employed in navigation. Bottom, studying rules of the air with the aid of table on which are demonstrated the various marine lights

With transatlantic passenger service by air only a matter of a few months, Imperial Airways of England is conducting a training school for ocean-flying pilots. Only serving officers with at least a second-class air navigator's license are admitted. The course includes a navigation class

which studies sextants and other instruments. Students are instructed in the rules of the air road by means of a table showing the system of marine lights on surface craft, navigation buoys and related information. The school is at Croydon airport, principal terminus of Imperial Airways.

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WILD LIFE GOES to



Top, baby playing with lion and tiger cubs. Bottom, small variety of the kangaroo family makes lovable pet for Australian child

By Charles Morrow Wilson
New Jersey, U.S.

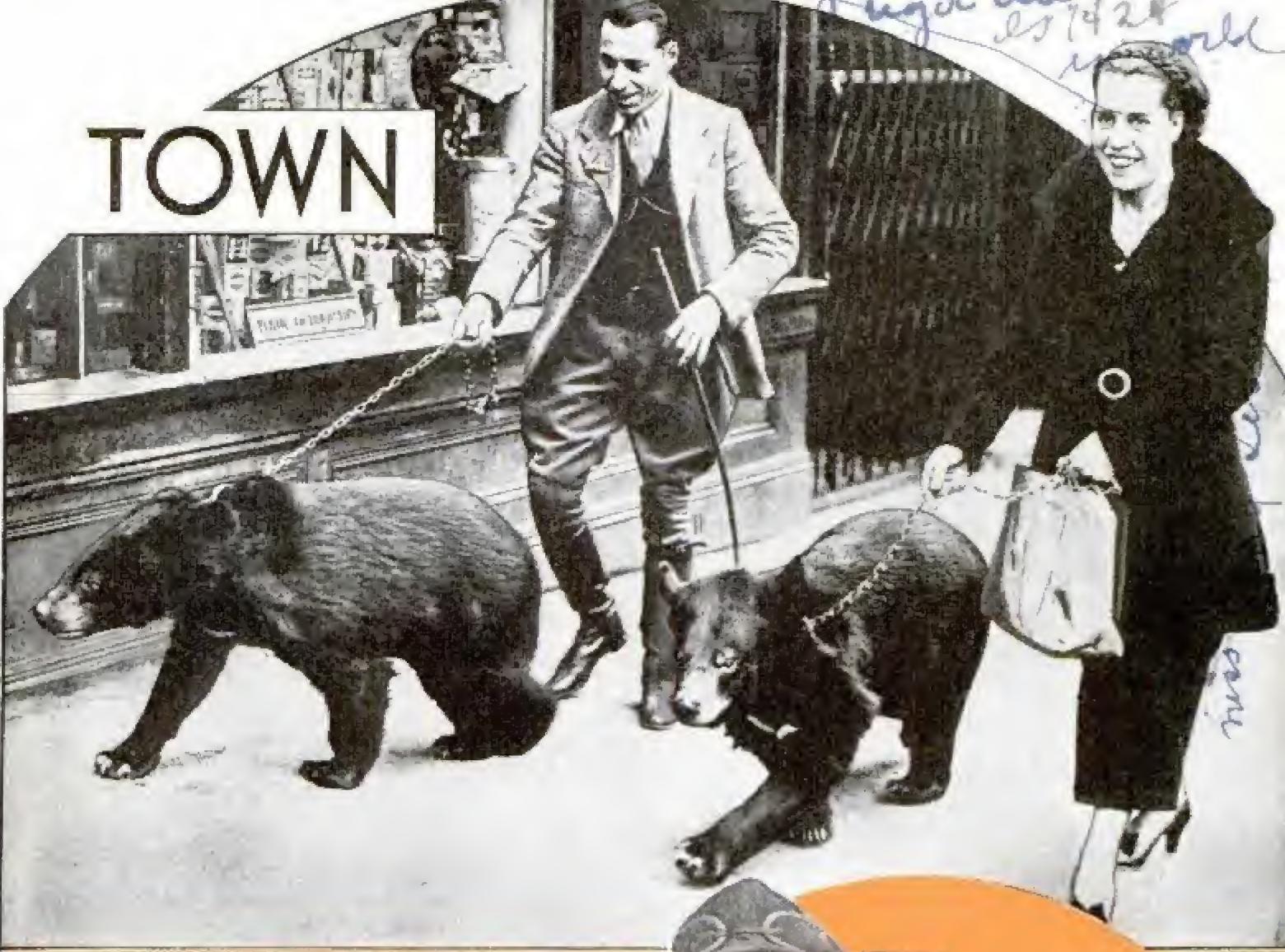
TOMORROW may find bears, foxes and minks in the barnyard, deer in pastures, quail and pheasant in the poultry house, moose crossed with cattle and waste lands being used profitably as range for wild life.

Recreation is a billion-dollar-a-year industry and almost half of all recreation trades follow the roads to hunting and fishing. Wild life, both the oldest and one of the newest of national resources, is beginning to pay dividends in dollars as well as in sport.

Native game birds are becoming the new American poultry. Deer and moose are finding new homes on the private range and fur-bearing animals are becoming the most valuable livestock in the nation. Such developments are typical of the new age of conservation.

There are two distinct types of game farming. The older deals with breeding and raising fur animals which supply a hundred-million-dollar industry. About

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twenty-three per cent of all furs bought in the United States are home-raised. The silver fox and the mink are the leading domestic fur animals.

Average cost of raising a market mink is about two dollars and the average pelt value is about eighteen dollars. Cost of producing foxes is approximately one-half that of raising dogs. The value of good breeding animals is five to ten times their pelt values. Both foxes and minks mature the best grades of fur in northern climates. Nowadays fur growers are developing a "feeder" system similar to that used in the cattle industry. Young animals raised in the south or Pacific coast areas are shipped to northern Maine so that their pelts may "ripen" in cold, windy locations. Domestic propagation develops furs of higher market standards than the native catch and distributes the supply over the entire winter period, thereby enabling the home-raiser to sell at prices which average



Top, out for a stroll with Himalayan bears. Bottom, holding a silver fox

*Joyce Wellham
Lion cub at Lady Lever's game*



Circle, lion cub makes a pet while small, but you should watch those sharp claws. Bottom, state officer at trap with captured beaver



higher than those received for native furs.

The newest type of wild life farming is directed toward replenishment and sporting demand. It includes the native game birds and water fowl, sporting animals such as the raccoon and red fox; also rabbits, deer, bear and moose. Predators such as wildcats and owls are domesticated to learn their habits so that the creatures can be combated in their native haunts.

Home game raising is filling a fast-growing demand for breeding stock of many native species; also a growing demand for "chase" animals such as raccoons and foxes, which are frequently purchased by hunting clubs or dog breeders associations. Public zoos and private exhibits of native animals and birds are another important outlet for the wild life barnyard. The nation has about 950 public zoos and about 1,400 licensed private zoos.

Most important is the demand for home-raised wild life for use in replenishment work being carried forward by state and county game commissions and hunting clubs. Such states as Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan and Idaho are finding that every dollar of public money spent for game replenishment yields as much as three or four dollars a year to the state in the form

of hunting-license fees and extra income to private citizens. And the well-managed game farm is becoming the best source of such planting stock. Most game commissions are planting yearling birds in the spring so they may have the summer in which to become accustomed to a given countryside. This makes home-raised game birds an annual crop. Most of the fur bearers are a two-year crop, though minks and beavers usually reach maturity sooner.

The U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., has introduced a plan whereby the survey supplies an individual with eggs or hatchery stock of game birds. The person agrees to give a permanent range to the birds and feed during the winter.

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In Brookfield Zoo

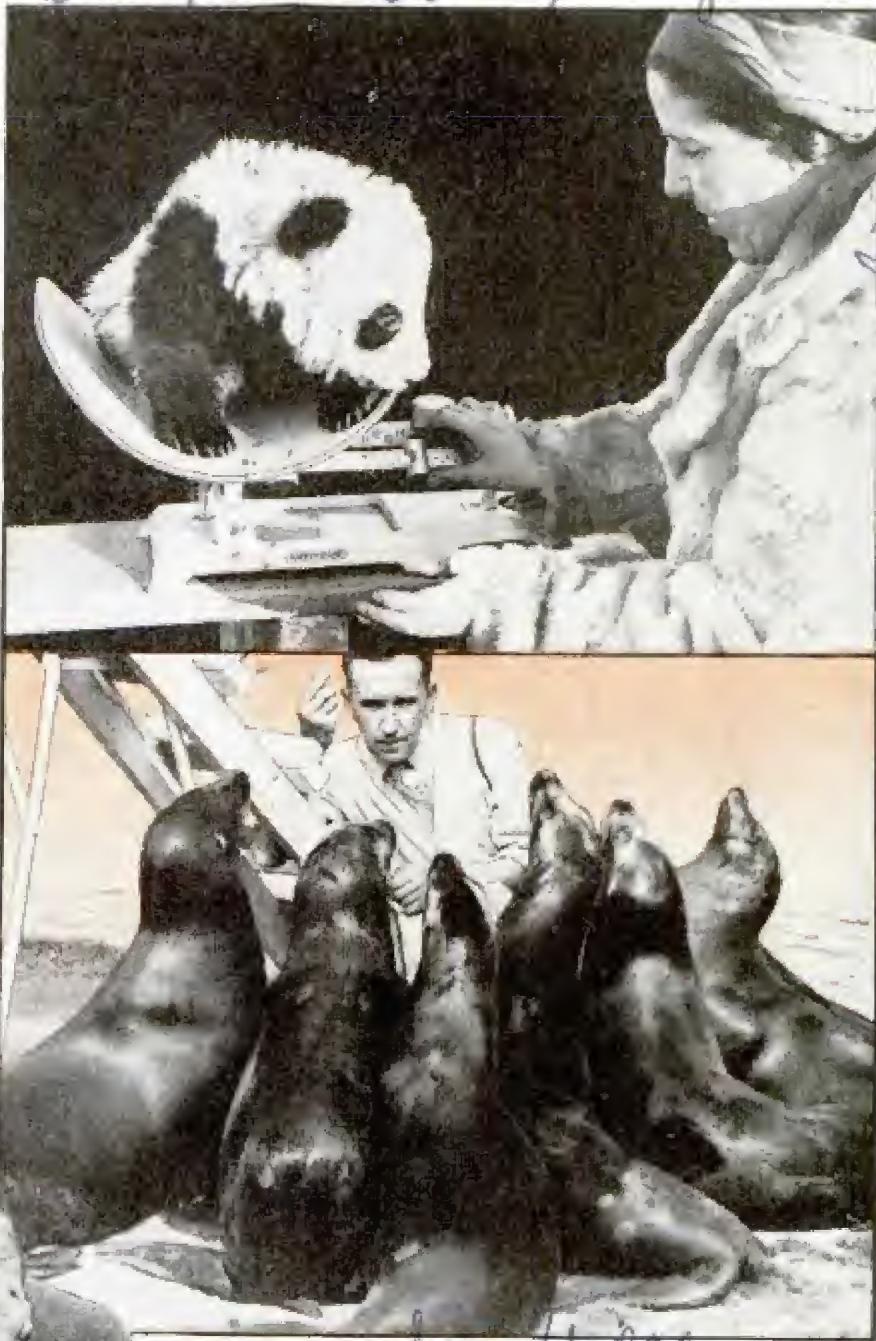
After two or three years the raiser is entitled to open his land to hunters, limit the kill to a given percentage of the bird population and charge hunters on a toll basis for the number of birds shot.

Game laws of most states allow a person to trap breeding stock of game birds or native animals during the open seasons. Cage traps are used in catching breeding stock. All states recognize the domestic breeding and raising of native wild life as a legitimate business or hobby, but some states list animals such as moose, caribou, elk, otter and beaver as "sanctuary species," or as state property only. In such states the



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Top, weighing famous baby giant panda. Center, seals in kindergarten class at zoo. Bottom, wild sheep born in London zoo



San Diego

raiser must secure permission before experimenting with rare game. Several states send game experts without cost to advise persons who wish to breed or domesticate game birds or animals for replenishment purposes.

- A big percentage of the game birds and animals of the United States can be "made at home" in almost any state or section.
- Deer, raccoon and fox are native to almost every state, quail is native to about forty states, and the pheasant usually can be grown anywhere poultry can be raised.

- Typical of the newest steps in wild life propagation is the establishment of McNeil Browne of Gray, Maine. Game birds have

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Charles animal Mrs. Wm. Harlan
Brooklyn, Calif., California
pavilion
area

*Birth to Elementary
make locomotives.*

Statuettes Made by Welder with Torch and Pliers



Welded of wire, figures of prospector and cow with newborn calf are less than inch and one-half tall.

Tiny statuettes that bring praise from sculptors are fashioned by a David City, Neb., machinist with only a welder's torch and a pair of pliers for tools. He uses iron and copper wire for materials, welding them into miniature but well-proportioned figures. They are no taller than an inch and three-eighths.

"Napkin Ring" Operating Table Holds Canary for Surgeon



In order to have both hands free to operate, a canary surgeon has devised an operating table that resembles a napkin ring mounted on a ball swivel pedestal. He wraps the bird in a snug sheet of celluloid and slips

this through the metal ring, which can be swung to the most convenient position for operating. The canary is held firm while the doctor uses two hands at his work.

see letter

Harmless Gas of Diesel Motors Fits Them for Use in Mines

Because there is virtually no carbon monoxide in the exhaust gases from Diesel engines, they are regarded by the Bureau of Mines as "reasonably safe" for use in mines and tunnels where the gasoline engine is dangerous. Tests of the exhaust of the average gasoline engine show a fraction over seven per cent carbon monoxide, and men cannot endure for long a concentration of more than one part carbon monoxide in 1,000 parts of air. The amount of this poisonous gas in a Diesel engine exhaust is so small that tests fail to reveal it.

Luminous Stars Glow on Ceiling with Light-Absorbent Paint

Paper stars and crescent moons that glow on the ceiling when the lights are turned out are available now for the nursery, sunroom and playroom. They are coated with a luminous paint that absorbs light when the electric bulb is on, then



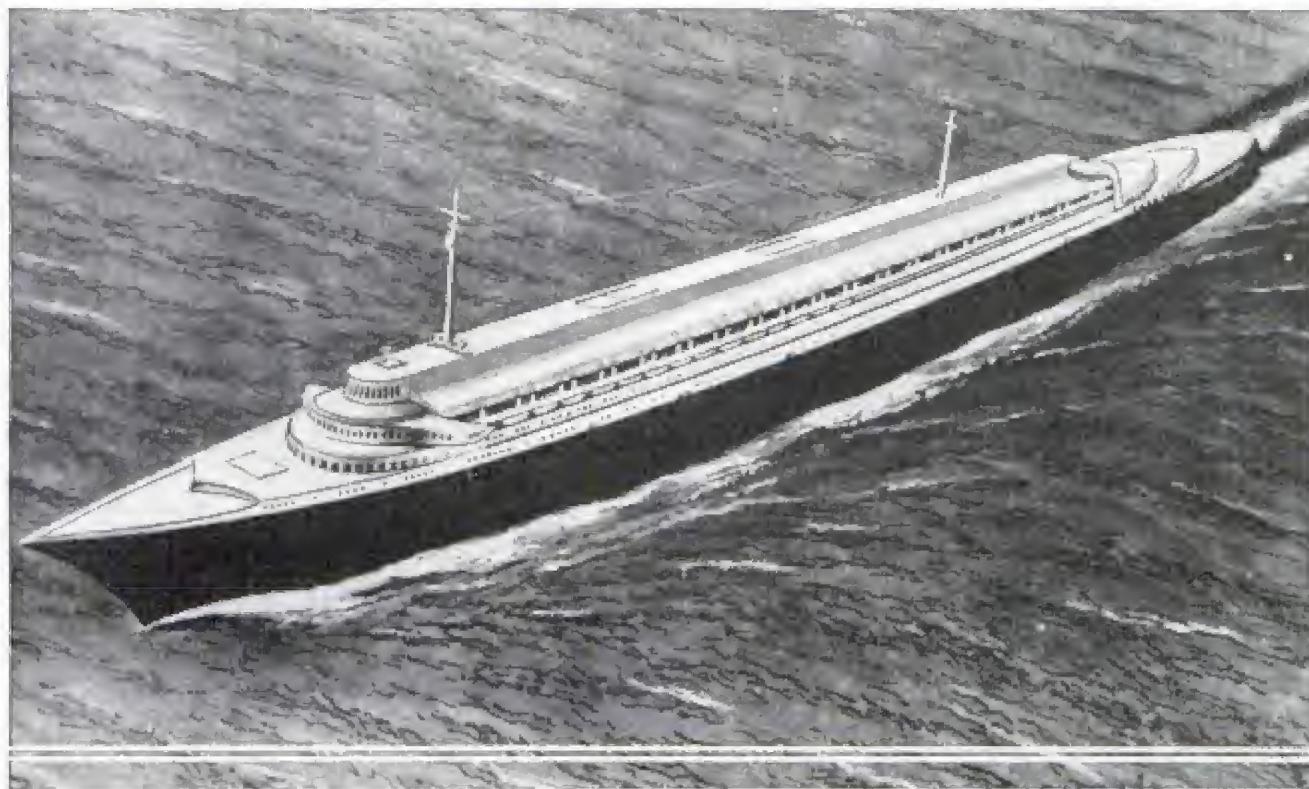
Stars pasted on walls of bedroom glow softly for hours after lights are turned out

sheds a soft glow for five or six hours in the darkened room. Available in sets, the stars are simply pasted on walls or ceiling. One child forgot her fears of the dark in watching the stars glow overhead.

*Luminous novelty Co
Attn. Society O.O.*

*to William A. Welty
Perry, Pea & Co.*

Exhaust at Stern of Liner Replaces Funnels



Proposed design for giant streamline passenger ship which would have exhaust vent at stern, doing away with traditional funnels entirely. The plan of this 1,350-foot vessel was suggested by French Line official

600 ft are now York
Funnels were once regarded as the measure of greatness in an ocean liner—the more smokestacks, the greater power and speed. Not so today, for the French Line proposes to build a giant passenger liner without funnels, exhausting its gases at the stern. The ship would be 1,350 feet long,

320 feet longer than the sister ship of the British liner "Queen Mary," designated "No. 552," in the shipyards where it is being built. The design, suggested by a French Line official, is that of a streamline craft of thirty-seven knots speed, capable of crossing the Atlantic in three and one-half days.

"Centipede" Pavement Tester Shows Irregular Surface

If there is an irregular spot in the road, Britain's nineteen-wheel tester will find it. The British Ministry of Transport employs this peculiar contrivance to check the smoothness of streets and highways and to test various types of surfacing. As it is rolled over the pavement, any irregularity is recorded by a graph on a revolving drum mounted in the elevated housing. The apparatus is delicate enough to show even minor hollows.



While one man propels this multi-wheeled road tester, another keeps watch on graph where irregularities in pavement are recorded

*Acme
used in Hammondsworth, Middlesex, England
Reserve Park Lane Street
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Ten-Watt Heat Applicator Treats Small Area

retail about \$3.50

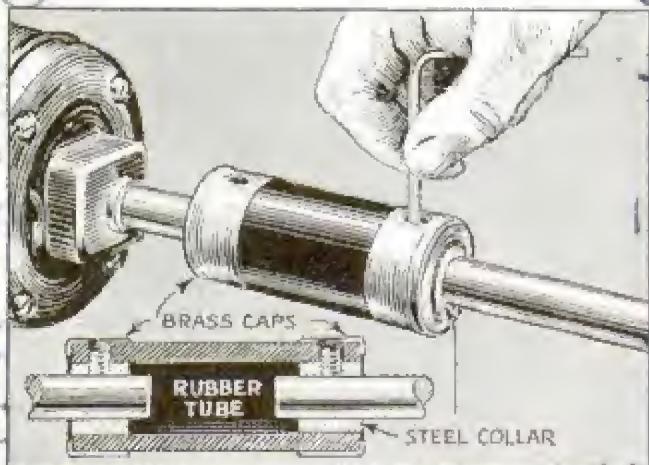


Using the heat-ray applicator on face. Inset, the ten-watt lamp equipment

For the application of heat to small areas of the human skin, a ten-watt lamp is on the market. It consists of a metal housing, the inside surface of which is a highly polished reflector that directs the lamp's rays toward a small circular opening; a ten-watt lamp colored to permit the passage of only infrared or heat rays, and a handle and switch. In spite of its small size, the lamp generates about all the heat that the human skin can bear.

Flexible Rubber Shaft Coupling Takes Up Vibration of Drive

To dampen vibration, noise and shock on fractional horsepower drives, a flexible rubber coupling for the drive shaft has



Drawing shows how vibration and minor errors in alignment are absorbed by flexible rubber coupling

been developed. The rubber is molded, the ferrules are brass, bushings are rust-proofed and the couplings are available in lengths ranging by quarter inches from two to six inches.

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Demagnetizer for Tool Room Plugs into Power Socket

Operating on \$3.76 *retail*

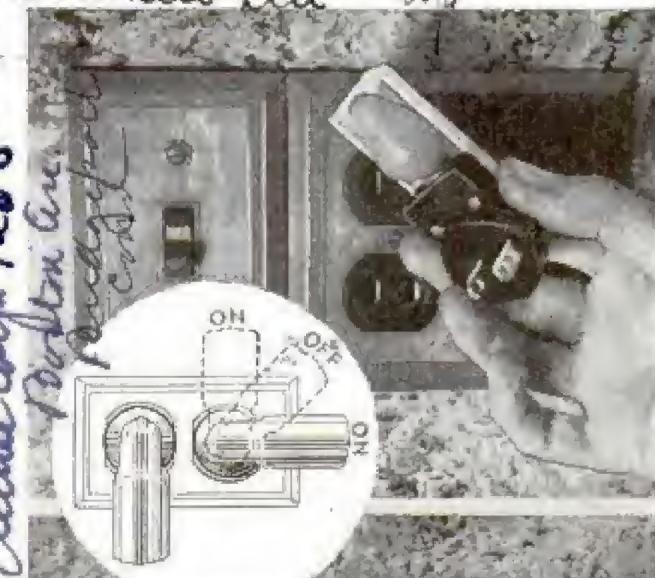
110-volt, alternating current, sixty cycle, a demagnetizer is available for the tool room of factory or shop. The machine is of the transformer type. Drawing ten amperes, it handles dies up to five inches in thickness. It is suitable for demagnetizing deep drawing and blanking dies.



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Night Light with Rotary Switch

Has Many Uses in Home

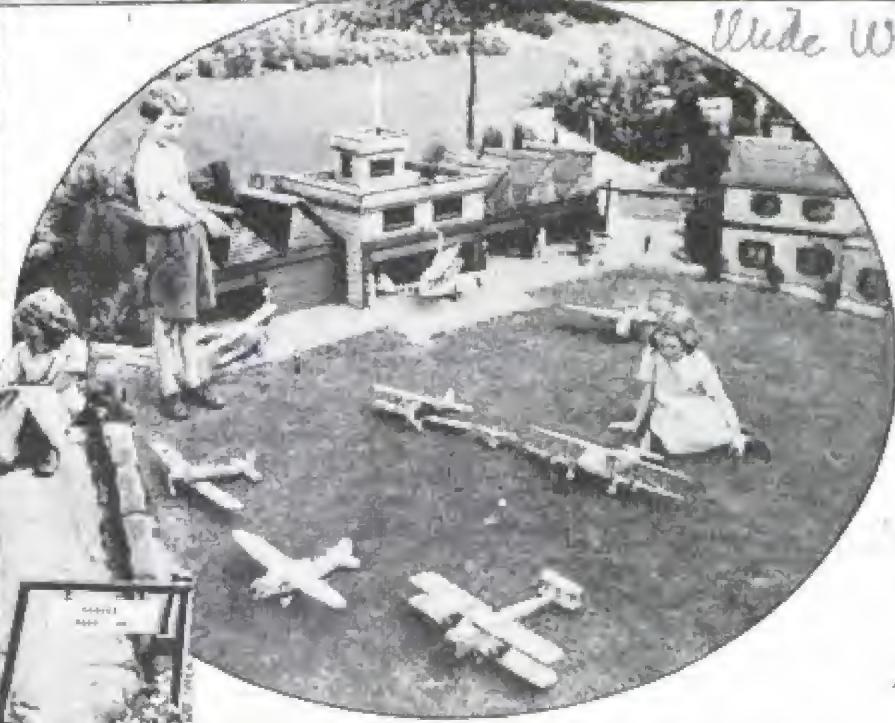
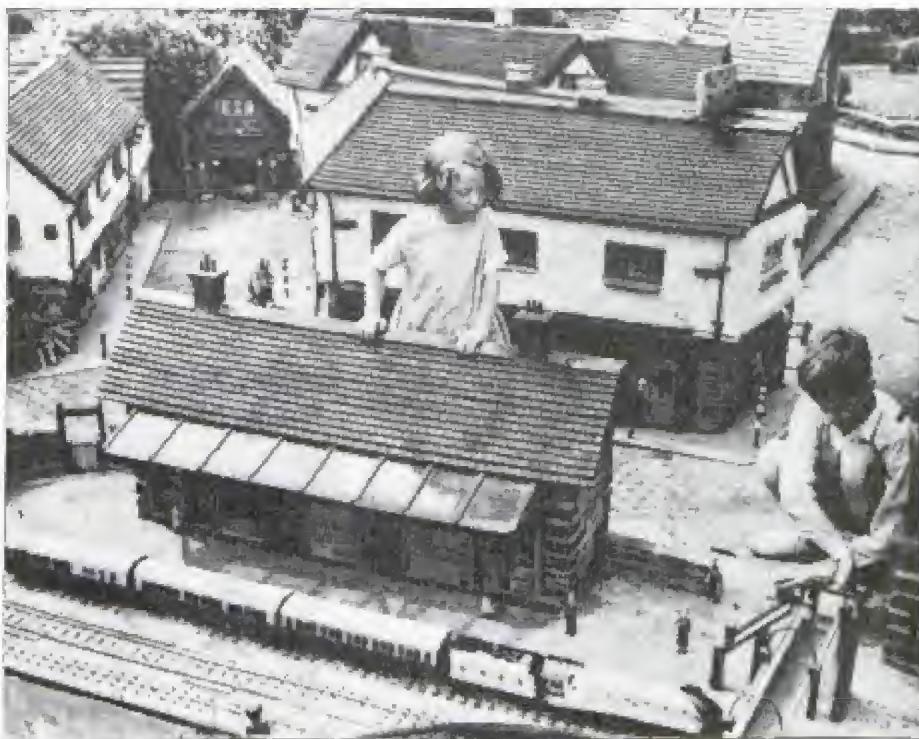


Ready to plug in small night light. Inset, how light is turned on and off

Shaped so that it fits close to the wall, a small night light with rotary switch is available for the nursery, hall, kitchen, sickroom and other places where low-intensity illumination is required. A translucent, plastic shade, which also serves as the handle of the switch, can be swung to a vertical or horizontal "on" position. The "off" position is a point halfway between vertical and horizontal. The lamp is equipped with a seven-watt bulb and with standard prongs to fit any outlet.

Airport and Train Modernize Model Village

When Bekonscot, a model village in England, was modernized recently, a miniature streamline locomotive and coaches, railroad station and complete track system were added. At the same time an airport with models of modern aircraft was made another feature of the small-scale town. At one spot in the layout is a peaceful lake on which ride model ocean liners and seaplanes. Reminder of earlier days is a miniature stage coach.



Top, view of the model railroad station. Bottom, left, model liner and flying boat in harbor. Right, airport with models of various types of planes. Note the hangar buildings

Is 1547 Animals Grow Larger in Cold Climates Than in Warmer Regions

Men and animals living in cold regions, either on mountain heights or in northern countries, generally are larger than those of the warmer lands. Scientists have long observed this fact, and in recent laboratory studies a positive effect of temperature on insects was noticed. Central European but-

terflies in the pupa or intermediate stage were exposed to both cold and heat. The latter developed into butterflies resembling those found in the warm Mediterranean areas, while the chilled pupae grew into butterflies similar to those of the colder regions of northern Scandinavia.

*Prof Theodosius Dobzhansky
Sakharov Institute of Experimental Biology*

H-17 Lens-Shaped Photo Bulb Serves as a Spotlight



Silvered inside, this spotlight for photographers reflects own rays through lens-shaped end of bulb

Reflector and lens are self-contained in a spotlight bulb for the amateur photographer which serves the same purpose as the more elaborate lighting equipment of the professional. It screws into any socket like an ordinary bulb, but its lens-shaped end concentrates the rays into a spot. The side walls are silvered on the inside and form a reflector.

H-64 London Quakes, Sinks Steadily as Wells Tap Its Foundation

St. Paul's Cathedral is beginning to tip; the Tower of London is creeping toward the Thames river, the whole London area is sinking at a rate of one inch every four years and some localities have sunk a foot since 1914. This city of 11,000,000 population rests on a cushion of underground water, and wells are drawing off this unstable foundation at an alarming rate. The level of one well has receded ninety-three feet in fifty years. Once the famous fountains in Trafalgar Square were played by natural water pressure, but today they require pumps, for the subterranean water level has dropped 120 feet since they were built. Under London is a "pancake" of clay 400 feet thick; beneath it a thick bed

of chalk which is full of fissures charged with water that exerts an upthrust of three tons per square foot, enough to support the weight of the metropolis as long as the pressure is steady and evenly distributed. But London has been diminishing its underground store of water at an annual rate of 80,000,000,000 gallons for a half century, and is currently lowering the level of its wells three feet every year. Earth movements are becoming noticeable. Severe quakes occurred in 1750, and a shock in 1850 damaged 2,000 buildings. Geologists say the London area has sunk seventy feet since the Stone Age. City engineers are now endeavoring to stop depletion of the underground water reservoir by sinking wells at a safe distance away from London, building new reservoirs, and perhaps boring through the bed of the Thames to let it sink into the chalk bed during flood times and thus replenish the water supply.

H-2 Compartments in Sample Case Adjustable for Display

Adapted for all ordinary lines, a new sample case permits the making up of compartments to fit various items in the line to produce the best display effects. It is possible to pre-design a sample-room display. Reference marks on the samples guide them to their places in the case and insure their return to the indexed compartments. This feature minimizes loss of goods by omission in packing.



Special case packed with pottery. Note how compartments are arranged for the display

Traveling Lamps Bake Paint on Auto Bodies

Prime coats of paint on auto bodies are baked by traveling lamps. The arrangement, in the Ford plant, consists of a series of double clamshells carrying infrared lights spaced to heat the bodies and bake the prime coat in seven minutes instead of the usual sixty minutes. The auto bodies travel on an overhead conveyor which carries them between two synchronized conveyors that carry the clamshells of lights. The temporary assembly of lights and bodies travels together for seven minutes and then the bodies emerge, with the lights traveling back for another round of the cycle. Since the radiant heat from the lights heats the metallic body, which in turn heats the enamel, the heat loss in the room is remarkably low. Smaller batteries



Two banks of lights baking paint on auto body as the entire assembly moves along the line. Time of baking is only seven minutes.

of infrared lights are used in making repairs if the bodies are marred in handling. This method of baking the finish is said to be less costly than that of steam ovens.

*Lamps made by Ford Angeles
Electric Lamp Co. at Los Angeles,
Calif., 10/14/34*

Twin-Rail Buffer Guards Safety Zone from Automobiles



Reckless drivers who encroach on this safety zone may end ride with the car nose pointed to the sky, but it's a safe place for pedestrians

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Twin steel rails that curve upward somewhat like the bumper at the end of the railway siding form a simple and effective buffer protecting a street safety zone in a Detroit suburb. The uprights are eight feet high, the rails extending out twelve feet. When a car hits them it is raised off the ground and brought to a quick stop. There has not been a fatal accident at this spot since the guard was erected.

Copper, tin, gold, silver and lead were used by man 6,000 years ago, but iron was not known until 2,000 years later.

Carl W. K. Crosson

Scientific Monthly
Oct 1934

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Rochester, N.Y.

BAD WEATHER



WHY stow your camera away in a dresser drawer just because it's blustery and gray outdoors?

Anyone can snap pictures on a sunny day. As a matter of fact, anyone can snap pictures on a stormy day—and with more exciting results, too—but not so many do it. No amateur photographer has covered the full range of picturemaking until he has clicked the shutter on some of those scenes offered only in gloomy weather.

The patter of rain on gleaming wet streets, the white swirl or long soft sweep of falling snow, crisp jagged lightning against a night sky, sunlight imprisoned in the heart of an icicle, mist or steam hovering over water after a rain, the play of light from street lamps across rough snow at night, telephone wires and evergreen branches festooned with sparkling sleet—all these are missed by the camera worker who allows bad weather to intimidate him and stays indoors planning pictures to make when the sun comes out.

Any sort of bad weather holds abundant opportunities for pictures filled with mood and atmosphere and feeling. And, for a great many bad-weather pictures, it does

not have to be a rapid-lens "advanced" camera. Inexpensive box cameras often do the job as well.

Nor does the bad-weather photographer have to risk a great deal of discomfort. Snowstorms and rainstorms can be



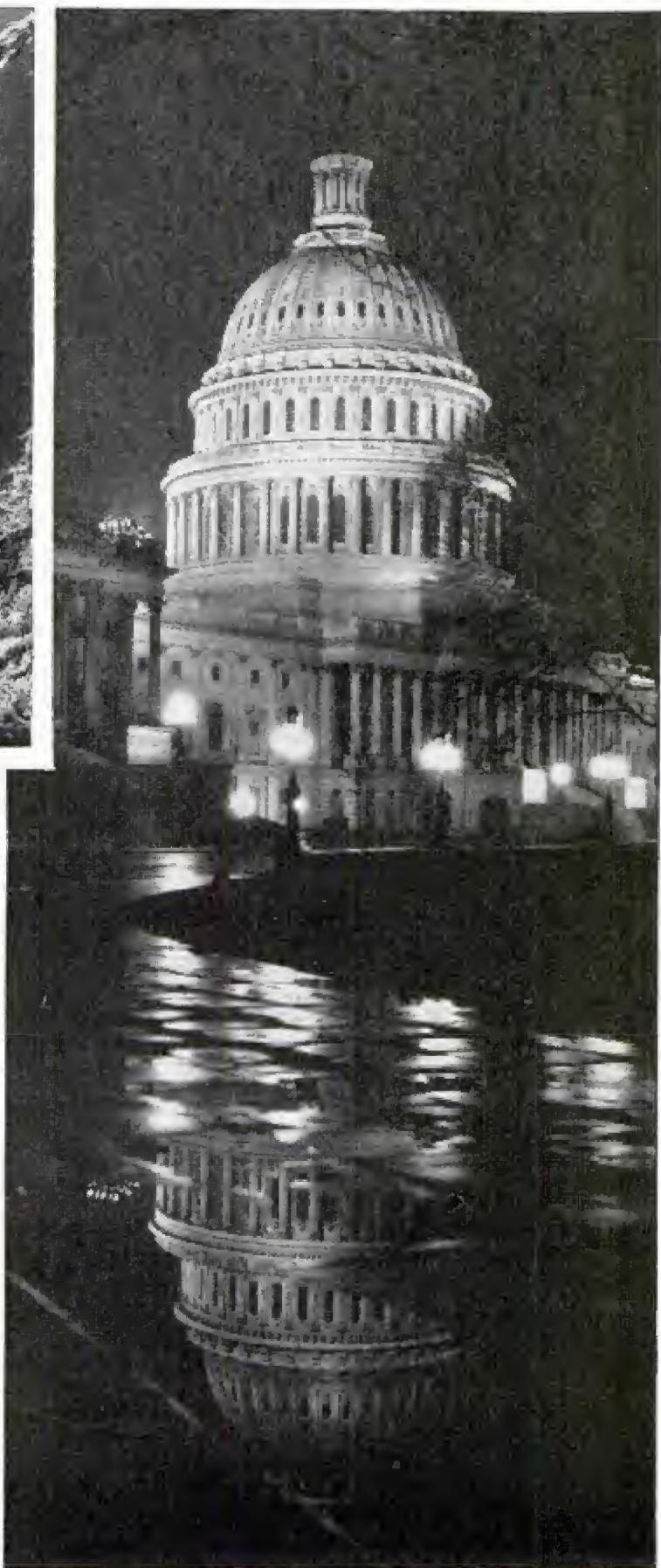
Raindrops on glass make effective picture from outside or inside. For outdoor work on wet days, be sure to shield your lens from rain.

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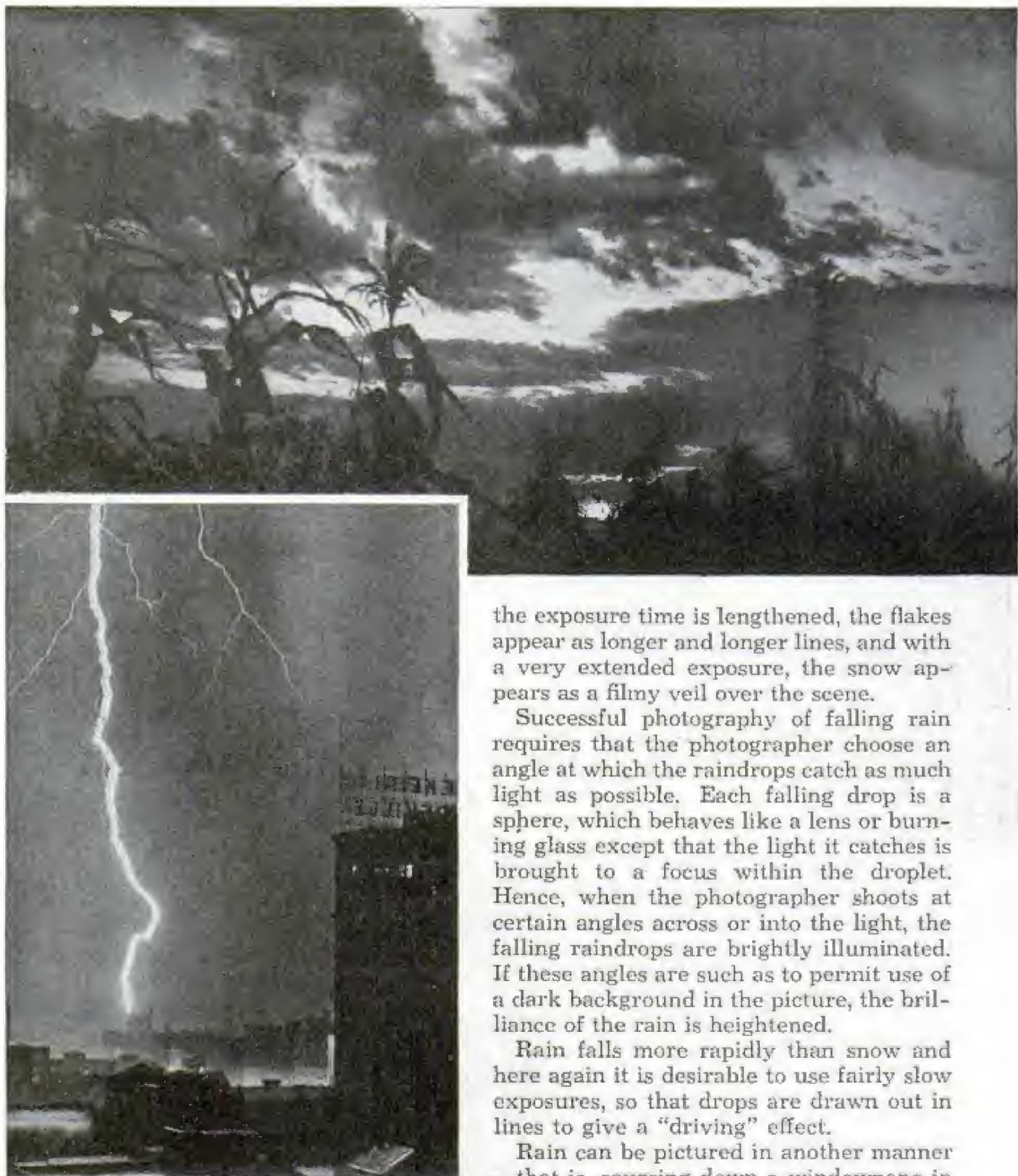


pictured from the shelter of a porch, or through a window. Rainy-weather snapshots on the streets are much better made from the shelter of a doorway or awning. Indeed, shelter and comfort for himself and protection for his camera, should be the bad-weather worker's first considerations. On one point especially he should be watchful—not to click a picture when droplets of water have blown on the lens surface. These should be wiped off carefully with lens tissue or a clean linen handkerchief.

Fast lenses are useful in bad-weather photography chiefly when there is motion to be stopped, or when it is inconvenient to use a tripod. A fairly rapid lens is an advantage when people are to be included in street pictures, fighting their way through snow or rain. However, in many pictures where the chief point is the weather itself, it is undesirable to "freeze" motion. Snowflakes, for instance, if snapped at a high speed will appear as mere



*Left, "stormy weather" scene taken in comfort on a table top.
Right, night view of capitol mirrored in sidewalk pool required an eight-minute exposure at f.16*



Red filter helps bring out contrast in storm clouds, and camera "stops" lightning with vivid effect

flecks in the print, and rain will rarely show at all.

Falling snow seldom should be snapped at a shutter speed higher than one twenty-fifth second. With a slow speed like one-tenth, the flakes appear as short streaks and their downward motion is emphasized. Longer exposures are often desirable. As

the exposure time is lengthened, the flakes appear as longer and longer lines, and with a very extended exposure, the snow appears as a filmy veil over the scene.

Successful photography of falling rain requires that the photographer choose an angle at which the raindrops catch as much light as possible. Each falling drop is a sphere, which behaves like a lens or burning glass except that the light it catches is brought to a focus within the droplet. Hence, when the photographer shoots at certain angles across or into the light, the falling raindrops are brightly illuminated. If these angles are such as to permit use of a dark background in the picture, the brilliance of the rain is heightened.

Rain falls more rapidly than snow and here again it is desirable to use fairly slow exposures, so that drops are drawn out in lines to give a "driving" effect.

Rain can be pictured in another manner—that is, coursing down a windowpane in rivulets or as individual drops scattered on the glass. Many interesting pictures can be made in this fashion. An automobile windshield, for instance, serves nicely as the frame for a landscape picture: the camera is focused on the rain-spattered glass, and the landscape scene beyond appears as a soft blur of tones and masses, quite in keeping with the rainy-day idea.

In shooting "weather" pictures, the pho-

tographer should use weather conditions chiefly to establish the mood or psychological "key" of his picture. To be effective, the picture must have a central idea, point, or composition which the weather helps carry out.

Lightning pictures are pretty much beyond planning. The only practical way to take lightning pictures is to place the camera on a tripod or win-



dow-sill, aiming it so that a suitable foreground of landscape or city skyline appears below plenty of sky; open the shutter, and wait until a flash of lightning strikes within the sky area covered by the view finder. The film is then wound and the camera opened for the next shot. Seldom does the

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Top, slow shutter speed allows rain to register in short streaks. Striking picture at left was made with automobile lights. Below, headlights on ice, dull sky and heavy overprinting of negative create graphic effect

Expensive Silklike Fabric Made from Shellfish



Glove made of silky fabric derived from the giant pinna held by the young woman

One of the most delicate silklike fabrics in the world, more expensive and more beautiful in color than the finest silk, comes from a shellfish in the Mediterranean. It is woven from the fine hairlike excrescence by which the giant pinna attaches itself to rocks along the shore. This substance, which is naturally a beautiful golden color, has great strength. On account of its fineness, a large amount is necessary to obtain enough thread for a pair of gloves. As a result, gloves woven out of the substance are more expensive than the finest silk. Because of its golden color, the substance is called "golden fleece." Greek writers of ancient days knew of this. They also called it sea wool. It is considered possible that from this knowledge of the golden fleece came the story of "Jason and the Golden Fleece."

H 68 Aluminum Wire Finer than Hair Costs \$216,000,000 a Pound

Aluminum wire drawn so fine that twenty-five strands would be only as thick as a human hair is being manufactured in a

New Jersey plant. A customer recently inquired for a sample of this wire and asked for quotation on a pound. At that time the wire, one ten-thousandth inch thick, sold at \$1.50 a lineal foot and there are 108,000,000 feet—more than 20,000 miles—in a pound. The customer was told he could have a pound for \$164,000,000. He ordered two feet instead! The price has since advanced, so that a pound would cost \$216,000,000. It is used for stringing galvanometers and other super-sensitive scientific instruments.

H-26

Water Helps Guard Oil Tanks Against Flood

Water will be used to protect oil storage tanks against floods in an eastern state. During the 1936 floods, an oil company suffered a heavy loss when all but one giant tank were swept away. At present the plant consists of eight tanks with a total capacity of ten million gallons. Accomplished at a cost of \$25,000, the flood plan calls for placing four H-shaped girders around each tank. Sixty feet long, the girders penetrate the ground thirty feet and are imbedded in six feet of concrete. Heavy steel cables strung from the girders

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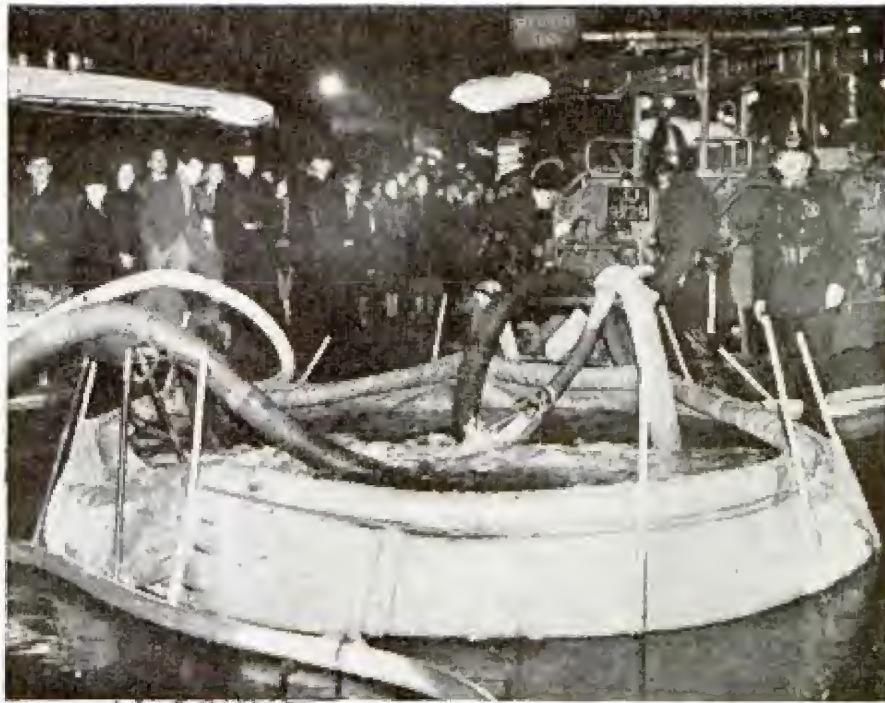


One of the big oil tanks is shown anchored by steel rail and heavy steel cable

*Baker & C. 60 Austin N.
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around the tanks are set to allow the tanks to move slightly with the rising water, lessening the danger of the cables breaking. A pump with a capacity of 16,000 gallons per minute, powered by a six-cylinder gasoline engine, is connected to each of the tanks by a manifold system of pipe lines. In case of another flood, observation stations along the river on which the tank firm is located would give warning. Water then would be pumped into tanks that were not full, through the bottom, forcing the oil to the top. Thus the tanks would be weighted down and prevented from moving to any great extent. The pipe lines also are connected to a fire-fighting system over the top of each tank. This system would be employed in case fire attacked the tanks.

H-4 Anti-Air-Raid Canvas Tank Helps Firemen Fight Blaze



Collapsible canvas tank is shown in use during London fire. The tank is intended for use during raids by enemy planes

Designed for emergency use during air raids, a large canvas tank was demonstrated recently in London during a fire. When extra pressure was needed for fire hose, the tank was placed in the street and set up to aid in supplying water.

H-10 Trailer Straddles a Tractor to Carry It Along Highway



Trailer with seven-foot span between its wheels carries a big tractor

Farm machinery and tractors with lugs cannot be driven on paved highways in some states, and to transport them a huge trailer was developed. It straddles its load, lifts it off the ground with winch and chain, and is hauled away by truck. The wheels of the trailer, equipped with pneumatic tires, are seven feet apart.

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Straddle trailer *Machinery Machine Works*

H 28.

Mattress Tester in Prison Finds Hidden Weapons



Putting a prison mattress through the electrical detector in search for weapons

Joliet, Illinois

Hidden weapons made of metal may be detected in mattresses by a machine now in use at two penitentiaries in Illinois. As it is wheeled through the prison, every mattress is run through it. If any metal is in the mattress, a bell rings, warning prison attendants.

H-73

Mysteries of Ocean Depths Challenge Explorers

Challenging the modern explorer are the vast, mysterious areas under the seven seas, 140,000,000 square miles. Little by little the secrets of the oceans' depths are being discovered. Within the last ten years daring scientists have descended to great depths in diving suits and in sealed containers, such as the bathysphere. The diver is limited to depths of about 500 feet, the sealed container to slightly more than one-half mile, by pressure of the water above. Floors of some parts of the various oceans lie more than six miles under the surface, five miles below the deepest point man now hopes to reach. Dredges have brought up strange forms of life from the great deeps, but dredging is slow and expensive. Quick

and accurate methods for mapping the ocean floor have been developed. Sound waves have replaced the great lengths of steel wire which formerly probed the depths and sensitive pendulums swung in submarines have measured the density of rocks far below the surface. Magnetic instruments have revealed the shifting of the magnetic field in the sea bottom and cannon-like tubes have been lowered to punch out sections of the ocean floor. Chemical studies of the rock samples show that many strange things are going on in the regions never visited by man. Much new information has been obtained, but the work has hardly begun. A vast undersea area still remains to be explored.

H-19

Movies Flow from Mirror Belt of Shutterless Projector

Flickerless motion pictures flow in an endless stream from a movie projector which substitutes a chain of mirrors for the usual shutter. In the conventional projector, the shutter swiftly curtains the lens after each individual frame of the film, which comes to rest twenty-four times every second. The strain on mechanism and film of this constant interruption of



Audience watching continuous movie projected by mirror chain, diagram of which is shown below

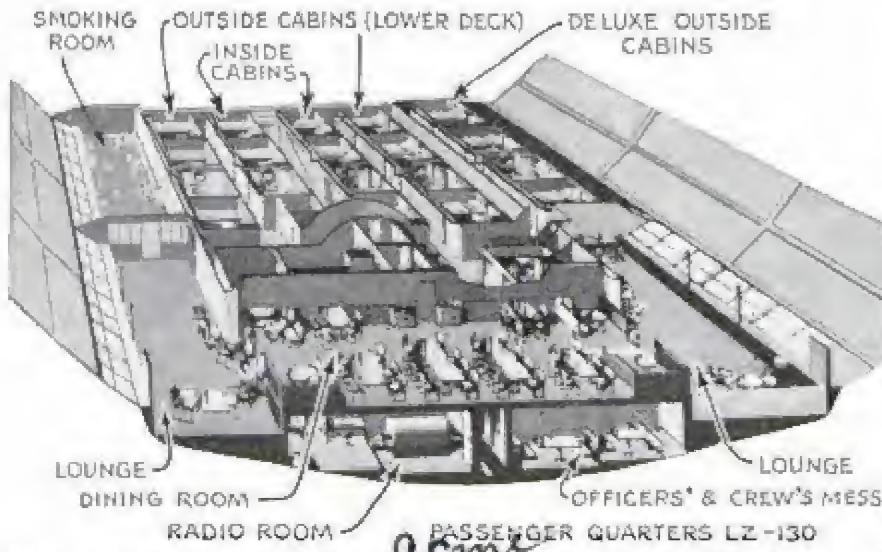
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*Donald L. Lee, Staff Writer
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motion is eliminated by the mirror projection method. The endless film is inserted, a switch turned on and projection is continuous. An automobile headlight in a reflector dome shines through a condensing lens which focuses the light through the film aperture upon the moving belt of pyramidal mirrors which compensate the motion of the film. The reflected pictures pass through a series of double lenses which make it possible to superimpose two frames to create a stereoscopic effect. The mirrors are of unbreakable metal. The light projection is efficient, the movies showing as brilliantly by day as by night. The unit is designed especially for use in theater lobbies to show previews of coming pictures, and for continuous projection of advertising films.

H 27 Big Transocean Dirigible Rushed to Completion

Rapidly nearing completion at Friedrichshafen, Germany, is the "LZ-130," new luxury airship. Following test flights, the dirigible is expected to make her maiden voyage across the Atlantic in the early summer. Inflated with helium, the ship is scheduled to make fifteen to eighteen round trips between Frankfort, Germany, and Lakehurst, N. J., this year.



Sketch reveals accommodations aboard the new transatlantic dirigible for passengers, officers and the crew

Weather Studied by Pilots to Make Air Travel Safer



Air-line pilots are shown making a last-minute study of government reports before beginning another flight

Every precaution known is being employed to make air travel safe, including a last-minute study of government weather reports by the pilot before he takes his loaded passenger ship off the ground. Every flight across the continent or between major

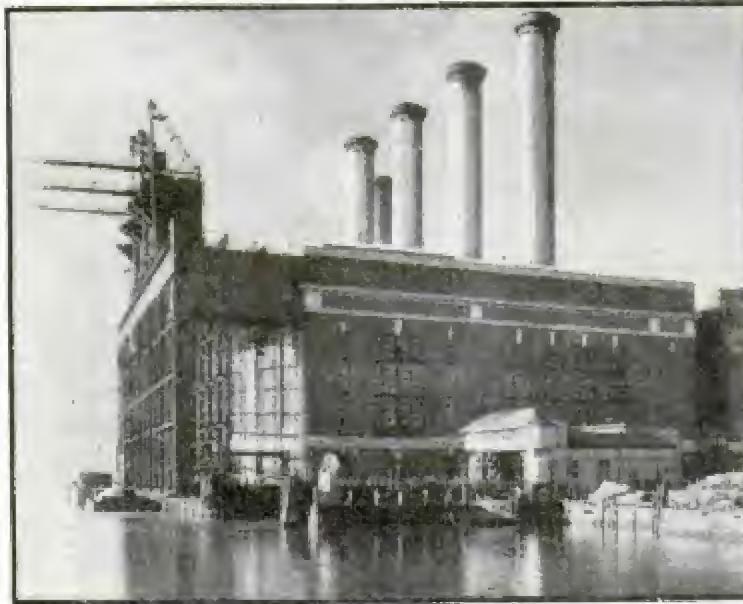
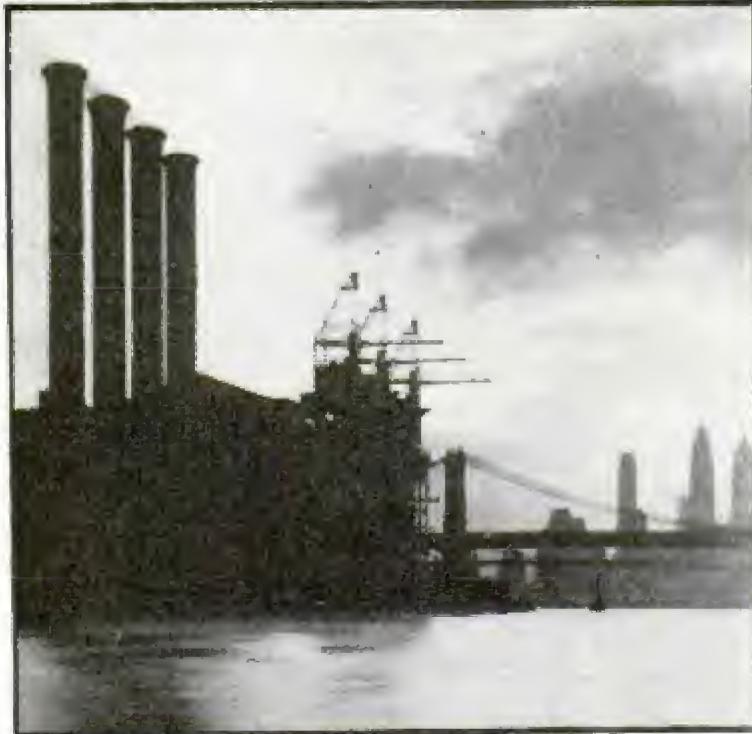
cities is plotted carefully by the pilot and checked with the dispatcher at the various airports. Often it is necessary to detour many miles in the air to avoid possible inclement weather. Study of the weather reports shows the pilot where he may encounter bad weather.

Corrosion of iron causes an economic loss of \$3,000,000,000 a year, but addition of chromium to make it rustless is reducing that waste.

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Kansas City, Mo

THESE LIGHTS



LIGHTS flicker and then go out. Nine o'clock and a great city's power dynamos cease to function. Homes, apartment buildings, motion-picture theaters, cafes, and store windows are plunged into darkness. Automatic traffic signals blink out. Except for bus and motorcar headlights, the streets are dark.

Subways, elevated trains and surface lines are tied up and their passengers left in darkness. Elevators are stalled, some between floors. Steam trains halt when the automatic signal systems that protect the safety of the passengers are put out of



Top, Hudson Avenue power station. Center, Hell Gate station. Bottom, sketch of buildings which housed first central electric-lighting station

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*Intervue
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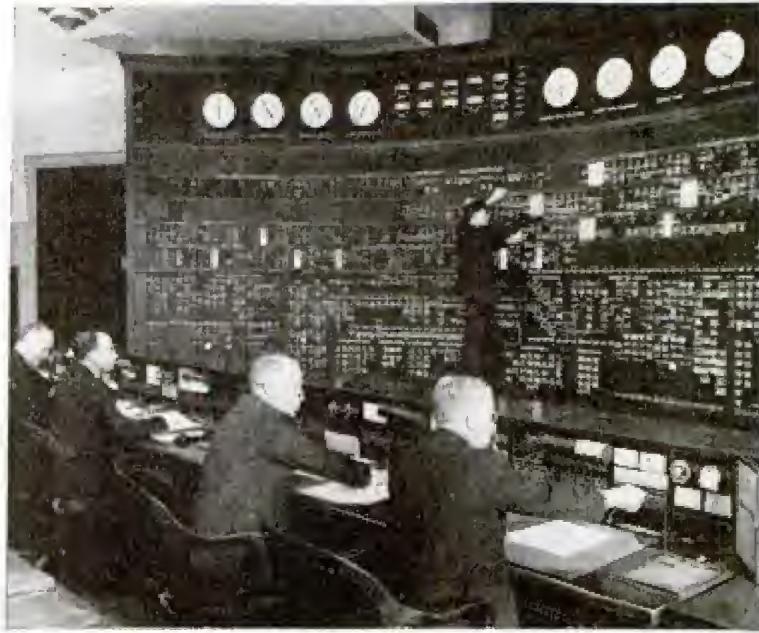
MUST NOT FAIL



face a heatless night. After a night of fears, the full force of the power suspension is felt. The office worker cannot get to his desk without climbing interminable flights of stairs. Even then, only simple business can be carried on because of the condition of the lights, the telephone, and automatic business machines. Factory workers, machinists, builders—all must remain idle because the wheels of their machines are without power.

Thus within a few hours, the entire routine of a city can be changed.

Although our modern public-utility systems are so designed that power failures have become a rarity, there is nothing like one to impress a city dweller with the importance of electricity in his particular sphere. Breakdowns of short duration are the result of severe lightning storms or equipment failures while those of a prolonged nature may be attributed to such causes as hurricanes, tornadoes, sleet storms, serious power-station fires and floods. The task of coping with these prob-



Top, striking night view of Manhattan shows New York's myriad lights and takes in a distance of about seven miles. Bottom, operator removing protection indicator from board. The indicator tag designates apparatus on which work is being done

lems of electric-power distribution is that of the utility company's chief of operations.

Let's look in on the operator of the world's largest system, that of the Consolidated Edison company in New York, as he sits at his keyboard watching the clock, the weather, and a number of scientific instruments that comprise his tools. Before him

*Bug Camera System
Suspended Board*

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is a giant board: the nerve center of New York's electricity supply. Lights on the board indicate every important piece of equipment in the system and he has at his fingertips working plans to meet every difficulty the blinking lights present.

Seven and a half million persons living in the most densely populated section of the world depend upon him to supply their electrical needs and annually he supervises the distribution of more than 4,840,000,000 kilowatt-hours. From the system operator's board you learn there are nine generating stations, ranging in capacity from 20,000 to 770,000 kilowatts, all interconnected and operated as an integrated unit under his control. There is also a connection with the steam and hydroelectric system of the Niagara-Hudson corporation in upper New York.

As the operator presses one key and then another, the generating units spring into life. Hundreds of thousands of kilowatts are poured into the high-tension galleries of the plants where, in turn, the power is relayed to the district stations to be flooded into the city's outlets, for the subways, electric toasters on breakfast tables, street signals, newspaper presses and other uses.



Top, lamps must serve when electricity fails. Center, examining boiler through eye-protecting slide. Bottom, boiler control room

The interconnection of the generating plants forms what might be termed a power pool. At all times there is a certain amount coming in and going out of the reservoir. The volume in each case depends entirely on the time of day and the anticipated demand. If the day is bright, the operator knows the peak of the load for lighting will be much lower than it would be if the day were dark and cloudy. When the great office buildings and manufacturing plants release their workers at Saturday noon, he must make provision for a sharp drop in the demand for current. He must know in advance the approach of a storm, for this means lights will be snapped on everywhere, requiring an additional supply of current. Approximately one hour is consumed from the time

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East River boiler

banked boilers start working until the generators start feeding current to the lines, hence the system operator must be certain of his calculations.

Experts are employed to study the power markets. They know there will be a year to year in-

crease in "load" growth, and provision must be made for this normal increase. Business trends and labor conditions are checked with the mass of data and statistics available, so the power requirements may be determined with reasonable accuracy.

Weather reports are carefully scrutinized by the system operator and word is flashed to him from the various plants and substations when a storm approaches. An electrostatic machine, a special radio, registers storm rumblings and rings a bell in the operator's room. The louder the bell rings, the closer the storm.

In meeting some temporary emergency, the dispatcher may have to revamp his whole distribution of power within a short time, calling this unit into play, dropping that one out, and detouring around something else. Supposing a storm comes up suddenly on a bright afternoon around 2:00 o'clock. By 3:30 o'clock it is not unlikely that a demand for 223,000 extra kilowatt-hours over normal requirements would be made. In round numbers, the storm in the space of an hour and a half creates the ne-



Top, ninety men dining in boiler just before it was fired up. Center, directing traffic with flashlight. Bottom, checking smoke from boiler chimneys

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Blade Set with Diamonds Cuts Brittle Materials



*Cutting glass with the diamond-impregnated blade.
The work is remarkably clean.*

Impregnated with diamonds, a new circular blade cuts brittle materials with remarkable cleanliness. It handles tile, glass, stone, non-laminated plastics, porcelains, refractories, natural shell and vitrified products. The blade has no projecting teeth and it cannot break or fly to pieces. A one-quarter horsepower motor supplies power to drive the blade through such substances as one-inch plate glass. One of the blade's advantages is that it can cut the most delicate porcelains and leave the glaze intact. It cuts optical glass cleanly and ores and stone to wafer-thin dimensions for specimen examination. The width of the cut is only three-sixty-fourths inch. A portable machine using the blade is built to operate on 110 volts.

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Auto Tire Removed from Rim by Air-Pressure Tool



Automobile tires can be removed from the rims safely with a tool that uses ordinary air pressure, exerting from one to 1,000 pounds thrust under precise control with a double-acting valve in the

hand grip. Placed around the tire, it compresses it and separates the bead from the rim. This method avoids possible damage to the tire by the use of heavy tools.

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Noiseless Concert Programs Made of Blotting Paper

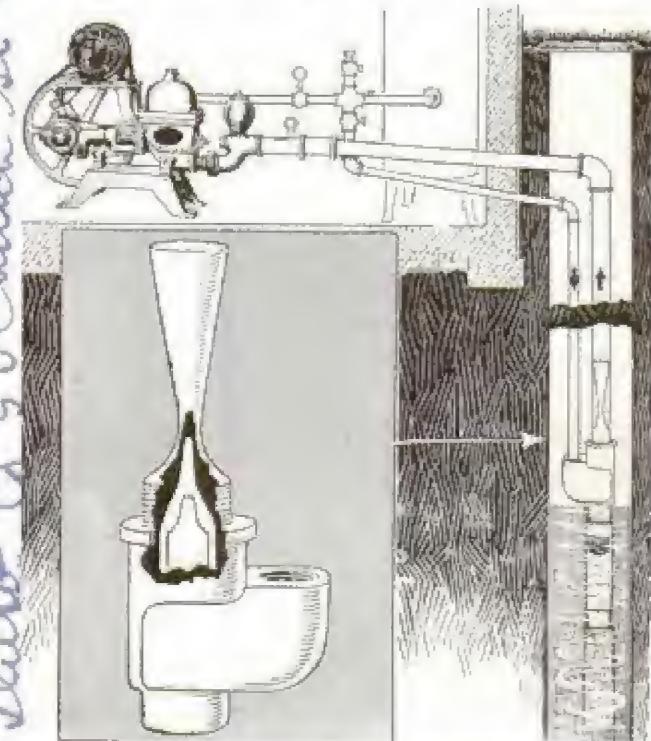
Printed on heavy sheets of colored blotting paper, the latest concert programs are noiseless, thus eliminating the disturbance created by the usual paper programs when they are folded or dropped. The blotting paper programs may be dropped, folded, wrinkled and handled freely by the concert patron without annoying others.

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Pump Lifts Water Eighty Feet Eliminating Deep Pit

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Pumping of water beyond the theoretical limit of twenty-five or thirty feet is now possible without the added cost of a deep well pit and electric service to a pump in the well. Water can be lifted as high as eighty feet by a method just devised. Using about half the water ordinarily pumped by a shallow well pump in the basement, an injector placed in the well pipe "jets" the water to a point where it can be picked up. The pump can be located right in the cellar, remote from the well.

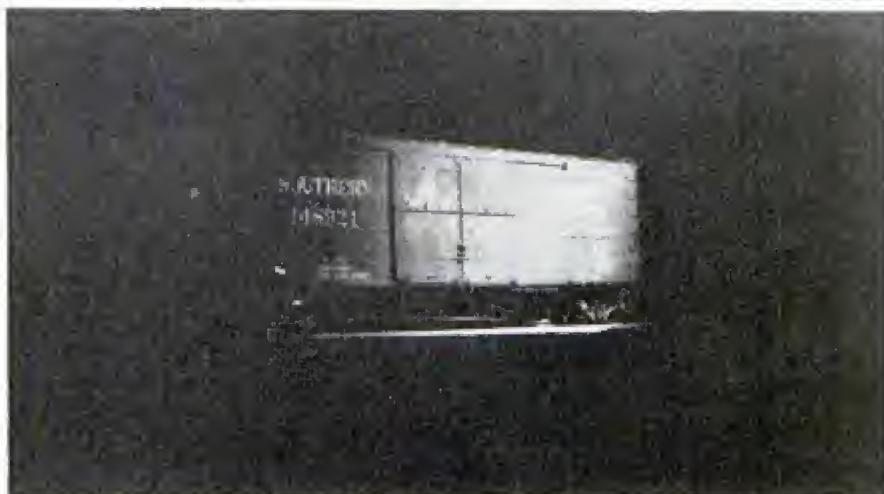
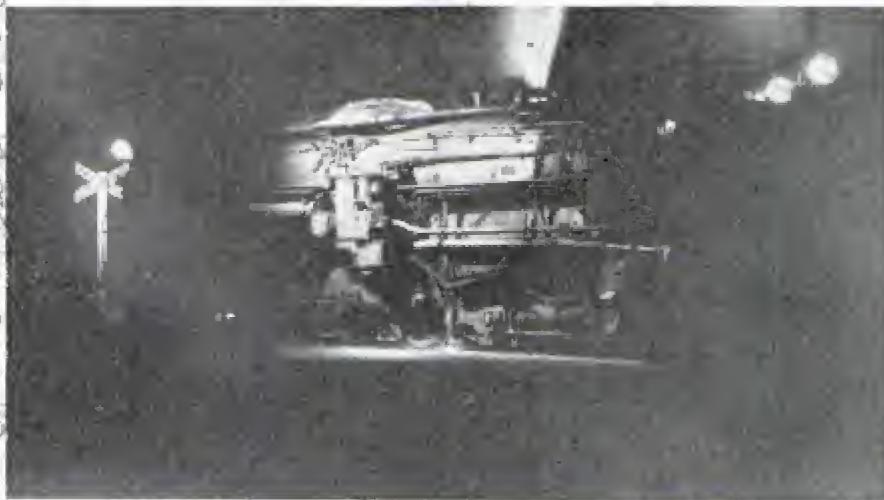


Drawing indicates how water can be lifted eighty feet by using injector to "jet" water inside pipe.

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Floodlighting Rail Crossing Checks Accidents

Because a startling number of grade-crossing accidents involve, not trains hitting automobiles, but automobiles crashing into the sides of trains, the Chicago & Illinois Midland railway has adopted a plan of floodlighting its cars at highway crossings. Directional floodlights installed on poles at each side of the tracks throw a bright blanket of light against any locomotive or car blocking the road, making it visible to motorists for some distance from the rails. An astronomic time switch which compensates for seasonal changes keeps the lights turned on during the hours of darkness. The floodlights are an especial safeguard at crossings where train movements are slow or freights frequently block the highway while switching.



Locomotive and freight car passing floodlighted crossing. This helps prevent a common type of accident—motorists driving into side of trains

Noiseless and Dustless Coal Unloader Does Job Quickly

Noiseless, dustless coal delivery may become common as the result of a new type



Unloading coal with noiseless and dustless mechanism

of truck. An experimental truck, built from discarded automobile gears and parts by a North Carolina coal dealer, delivers stoker and small-lump coal without noise, dust or spilling and does it fifty times faster than ordinary unloading devices. The truck has a hopper bed equipped with a half-inch conveyor belt fourteen inches wide down the center of the bottom of the truck. At the back of the bed it dumps the coal into a detachable chute that has another conveyor belt. Both belts are operated by the truck motor, and run fast enough to unload three tons in two minutes. A device at the intersection of the two belts sprays the coal with oil vapor, eliminating dust.

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Entomodera by Joseph
Dr. Peckey

Prepared by Dr. Col
F. D. Murchison

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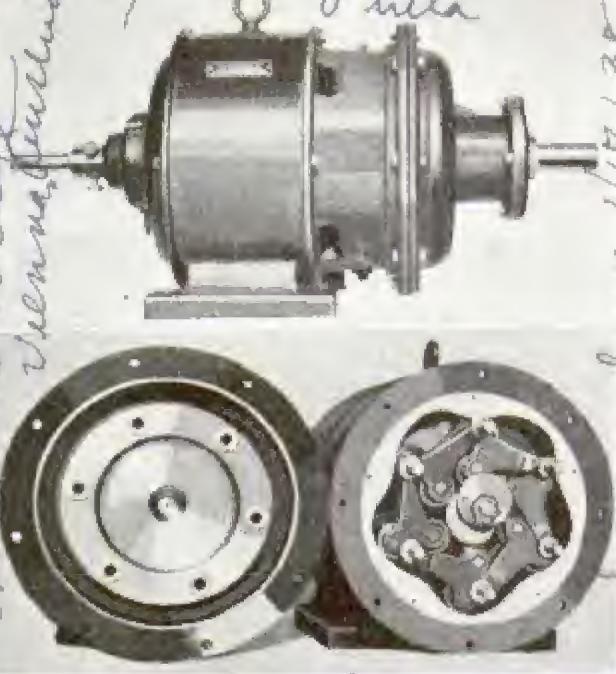
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Gearless Speed-Reducing Drive

Uses Cams and Levers

Uses Cams and Levers
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Cams, levers and eccentrics are used instead of conventional gears in this speed-reduction drive

Speed-reduction drives without gears, without the noise, wear and inefficiency of the conventional type, are being introduced in this country by an Austrian engineer. His invention involves the use of an eccentric fastened to the high-speed shaft, acting, as it revolves, on a series of levers. These levers in turn act upon a stationary series of cams. The levers are fastened to a disk on the slow-speed shaft, which is thus made to revolve at a reduced speed. Gear teeth are eliminated entirely. The speed-reduction ratio is determined by the relation of eccentric to levers to cams.

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**Top of Floor Sweeper Opens
for Easy Cleaning**

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Reno. top is open, the pan may be lifted out and its contents emptied. The brush also may be snapped out and cleaned. Most models of the machine are equipped with a

Cleaning dirt and dust out of the latest floor and carpet sweeper is made easy by a patented top which opens. After the top is open, the pan may be lifted

out and its contents emptied. The brush also may be snapped out and cleaned. Most models of the machine are equipped with a

removable steel comb which cleans the brush as the sweeper operates. A clean, empty shell remains after the pan and brush are removed.

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Highway "Flight Strips" Proposed for Emergency Landings

"Way stations" for aircraft along the main highways throughout the states are being proposed, both as a convenience to private fliers and as emergency landing fields for lost or fog-bound planes. Forced to find a safe place to land when fuel or equipment fails or bad weather sets in, the pilot could simply follow a principal highway to one of these "flight strips" built beside the road at intervals. The strips would be built and maintained by state highway departments, and would range from 200 to 740 feet wide and from 1,800 to 5,000 feet long according to the type of aircraft they are planned to accommodate.

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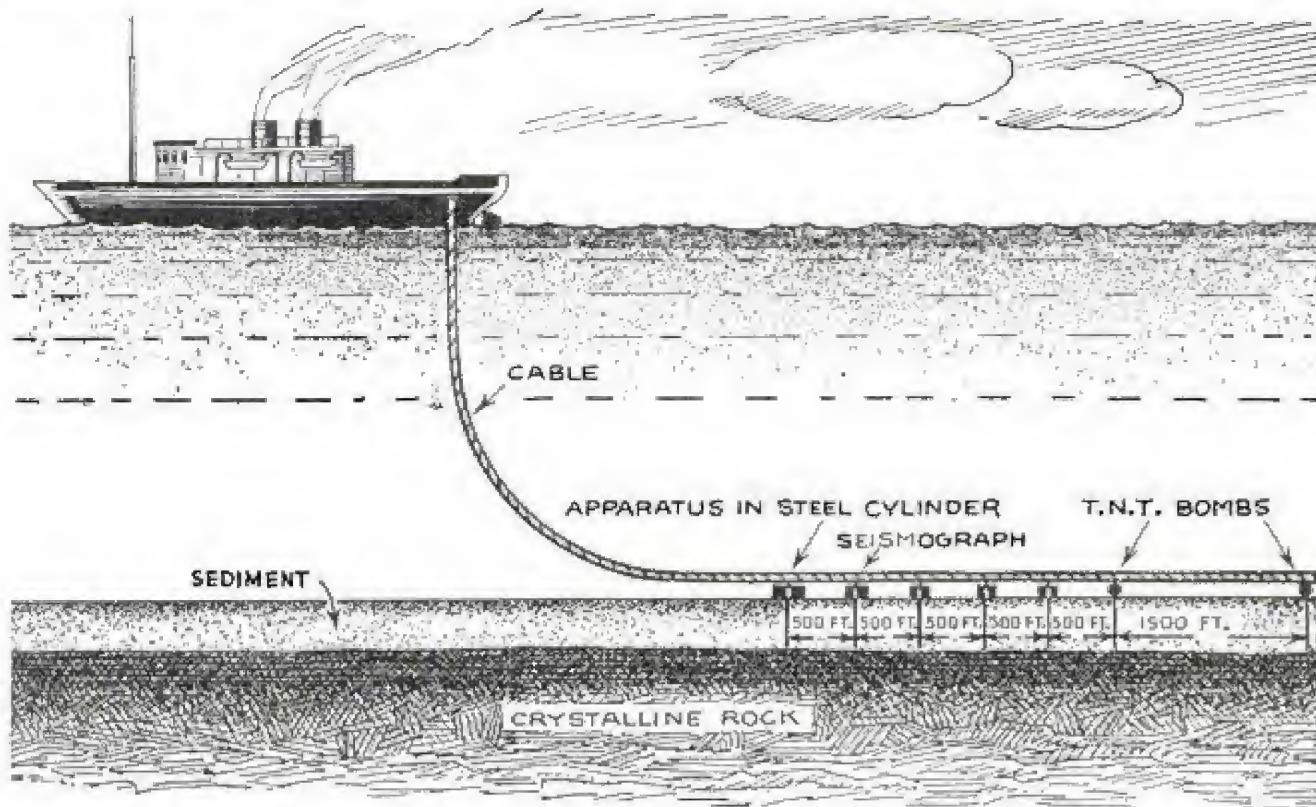
Baby Photo-Flash Bulb Handy for the Photographer



*Thirty "baby" photo-flash bulbs are shown fitted
in the photographer's hat*

So small that thirty of them will fit into a man's hat or twelve into a coat pocket, a baby photo-flash bulb now on the market is convenient for the photographer. The bulbs are said to synchronize perfectly and to be effective on routine shots at $\frac{1}{200}$ of a second, distances of eight to ten feet, with the camera lens stopped down to f.32 and f.45. The bulb is effective for closeups up to a distance of eighteen feet.

Bombing the Sea Floor to Find Lost Continent



Bombs set off at intervals send vibrations through sediment of sea bed, and when they rebound from deep rock the vibrations are recorded, furnishing data for study of rocks beneath the ocean floor

Bethlehem Pa.
One of the last frontiers to resist man's curiosity, the rock bed deep below the ocean floor, is beginning to yield at last to the scientific explorer. Seismographs and explosives soon may tell whether a lost continent of Appalachia lies beneath the sand and mud and silt at the bottom of the Atlantic. Dr. Maurice Ewing of Lehigh University has devised a method of submarine exploration with a seismograph similar to that used by oil prospectors. Science has long since sounded the depth of the ocean, and sampled the topmost eight or ten feet of its floor. Now, by detonating small charges of TNT and recording the vibrations after they are reflected back from the rock subfloor, Dr. Ewing expects to learn the depth and perhaps the composition of the undersea rock structures. His method is to drop overside from the research ship a long steel cable to which is attached all the apparatus: first, a twenty-pound charge of TNT in a container proof against the high pressure of ocean depths; after a 1,500-foot interval of cable, a smaller charge of explosive; then, at 500-foot intervals, four geophones which catch the vibrations; and finally a steel cylinder containing the recording instruments. A

timer in the cylinder sets off the TNT blasts separately. The vibrations travel down through the sediment to the rock bottom, bounce back to the geophones and are recorded automatically in the cylinder. The two explosions provide separate sets of data to be checked against each other. By this system submarine geologists will test the theory that a vanished continent exists submerged in the Atlantic and from it, in some past age, the sediment flowed to form the Appalachian mountain range.

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Abrasive in Photo Flood Lamp Cleans Bulb When Shaken



To keep a high-powered photo flood lamp up to its top efficiency, the latest bulb contains a small quantity of abrasive metal chips. When the lamp begins to cloud up, it is swirled about and the abrasive chips clean off the dark deposit which forms on the interior of the glass, restoring its original transparency.

*Westinghouse Electric
and Mfg. Co. 35*

ACROSS AFRICA



Top, a tribesman helps install a new rear axle. Bottom, two of the chiefs who rode into the French fort to honor the adventurers.

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points. Too big a load! With our camping equipment whittled down to two blankets, a pan and kettle, spoons, a fork, two jackknives, a medical kit and our mosquito net, we could hardly eliminate anything more. There wasn't anything else but gas and oil, tires, tools and spare parts, and the last month had taught us we couldn't cut down there. So we attacked the Sahara as we had the jungle.

A thin, white little ribbon of a road, traversed twice a week by the lorries of the French trading company, led 250 miles north across the hot sands to Zinder,

southern terminus of a dozen caravan routes, and first French post in the Sahara. Here, at the invitation of the commandant, we made our headquarters in the great mud fort. Gasoline was ninety cents a gallon in Zinder. We strapped four ten-gallon cases to our luggage carriers, enough, we hoped, to get to the fort and radio station at Mao, 800 miles farther on. With tears

PART II

By James C. Wilson

AT LAST we had reached Kano, gateway to the Sahara. But our motorcycles, after the heart-breaking, month-long trek through 800 miles of jungle and forest, had given way at a dozen crucial

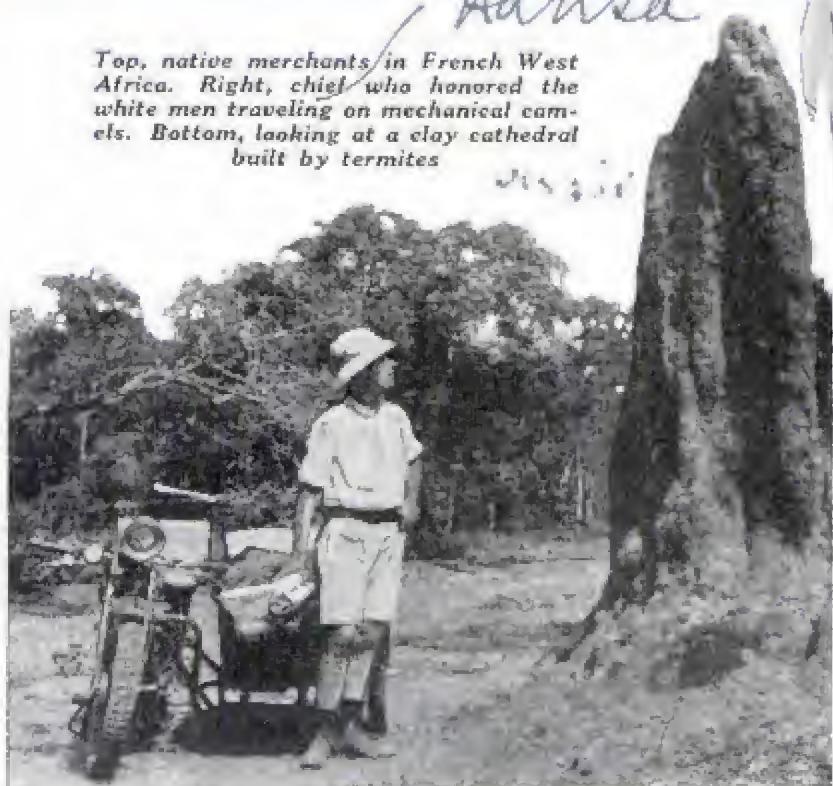
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Top, native merchants in French West Africa. Right, chief who honored the white men traveling on mechanical camels. Bottom, looking at a clay cathedral built by termites



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in his eyes, the commandant begged us to turn back.

"I am sorry," said Flood, "but we are determined to cross Africa by motorcycle."

Without a word, the commandant dipped pen in ink, reached for our passports, and solemnly wrote across the face of each in

French: "Last seen at Zinder, December twenty-fourth," and signed his name.

Two hours later we dropped off the end of the road, the last real road in over 2,000 miles, into the deep soft sand of the caravan trail. I always rode behind to pick up nuts and bolts my partner lost.

Flood plowed ahead for a few yards, then jumped off and pushed until his motor stopped. The sand trickled from his wheels in streams, and the heat shimmered from the smoking cylinder fins. Yes, this was the Sahara.

"Let some of the air out of your back



See J. Wilson

tire, put her in low, stand on the back axle and bear down," I yelled. "That'll take the weight off the sidecar wheel and give you more traction." He did. Slowly we moved forward.

That night, since it looked as if we'd have to ride the rear axles from then on, I set to work making strap-iron footrests. I didn't have a big enough drill. We built a fire, heated the irons, and tried to worry the holes through with a punch, but couldn't get them hot enough.

"Just wait till morning, and lay the irons out in the sun," suggested Flood.

I had a better idea. Just strip all the gadgets off a pair of straight sport handlebars and you've a first-class blowpipe. It wasn't the neatest job in the world, but we weren't worrying much about looks.

On Christmas morning we sprang a leak in one of our gasoline cans just 750 miles from the next filling station. We'd either have to push the last hundred miles, or take a chance on soldering the can. So we built a brushwood fire and soldered the leaking can. As a matter of fact, it wasn't taking a chance at all. The career of many a



Top, a native goes for his first motorcycle ride. Center, the author, after a month in the desert. Bottom, latest means of farming in Africa

promising young mechanic has been terminated abruptly as he tried to solder an "empty" gasoline can, but the lad who makes sure there is a mass of liquid directly beneath the leak to absorb the heat runs little risk.

The French authorities were surveying for a military road from Zinder to Lake Chad and native road gangs were "paving" the middle stretch, mixing straw with clay from the cuvettes or basins, and dumping it down in hunks across the desert for the sun to bake. So, with a dead weight of 160 pounds of gasoline hammering at my rear axle, I didn't blame it for breaking after two hours of jolting over the cobblestone-like surface.

We installed a spare, transferred our gasoline to the sidecars, and

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crawled along at three miles an hour in low. We thought it was time to stop when the main leaf of Flood's sidecar C-spring snapped in two. Thank heaven for strap iron. We made a clamp for the broken leaf, but somehow we had to give those springs more "fight."

"Say, didn't we bring along a couple of extra coil springs for the front forks?" asked Flood. With all the excess weight

to the rear, we'd never need those springs for the front forks. If you've seen the auxiliary coil springs for cars with trailers, you'll know exactly what use we made of those front-fork springs.

Our old enemy, the caravan trail, looked mighty good to us after that "paved road." Day after day we roared along in low gear, through a blazing wilderness of sand. We anticipated that our air-cooled motors would overheat under the broiling desert sun. Amazingly enough, they never did, except the time Flood forgot to turn on his oil.

But we had plenty of trouble without that—sand. Giving up all hope of carrying our reserve supplies on our machines, we chartered a pair of camels for twenty-



five cents a day, complete with drivers, loaded them up and sent them off across the desert with a litter of spare tires, extra cylinders and gasoline tins. Even then we couldn't make any headway unless we ran with the rear tires almost empty, and then the tire slipped on the rim and tore out the valve stem. This happened seven times in one day, ruining two good tubes.

Finally, I split the ruined tubes lengthwise and installed them in the casings as inner linings with a flap sticking out all the way around between tire and rim. This

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Top, guests of a native chieftain in his mud palace. Center, native garrison turns out to welcome the adventurers. Bottom, camel pressed into service to carry luggage and spare parts over one particularly bad stretch of desert

Emre J. Perrin

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Fast German Air Liner to Fly the Atlantic



Wade Woda

Here is Germany's latest air liner. Designed for transatlantic passenger service, the giant craft is expected to exceed 185 miles an hour on its ocean journeys. It is an all-metal ship

Capable of speeds above 185 miles per hour, the latest German air liner is designed for flights across the oceans. It was completed recently at the Dornier airplane

works at Friedrichshafen. Built of all metal, the single-wing flying boat has a wingspread of eighty-seven feet and a length of seventy-one feet.

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Sphere Tank Saves Sewer Gas to Burn City's Garbage



Sewer gas captured in this tank is used to burn garbage

On the lake front in Cleveland passersby used to wonder at a bright flame that appeared to come from the ground. It was sewer gas, burning as it escaped into the air. No longer is it being wasted, however. A huge spherical tank has been built over the vent to capture the gas and store it for use in burning garbage at a disposal plant.

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Long Train's "Stretch" Helps Get It Started

Between the time the locomotive starts and the caboose of a long freight train begins rolling, there is a lapse whose length depends upon the number of cars in the train. Couplings are designed so that there is a play of about twelve inches between each car and the one following. Thus, in a

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train of 100 cars, the play or "stretch" would amount to 100 feet. This stretch makes it possible for the locomotive to move a long train, since it starts with only one car, then begins pulling two, three and so on. As the play is taken up by the pull of the locomotive, a distinct click may be heard from each coupling. The stretch explains why a pusher and a puller locomotive may be used without perfect synchronization. The play acts as a buffer.

Two-Faced Rescue Truck Fights Fires in Tunnel

When fire breaks out or automobiles collide in the new Lincoln tunnel connecting Manhattan with Hoboken, N. J., a two-headed emergency truck is ready to speed to the rescue. It is a specially built car equipped with extinguishers, acetylene torch, inhalators and towing apparatus. It has a gasoline-electric drive, with an electric motor, steering and driving controls at each end. The truck must be able to tow a seventy-ton load up a three and one-half per cent grade at twenty miles per hour, and its cranes can carry a ten-ton load. A twelve-ton dolly is mounted under each end. The truck is steered hydraulically and it can be turned in a radius of twenty-two and one-half feet. All four wheels have air brakes.



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Ready for wreck or rescue in New York's Lincoln Tunnel is this gasoline-electric emergency truck which can be driven and steered from either end

Big Thrust Bearing for Dam Is Built to Run in Bath of Oil



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Polishing one of two 105-inch thrust bearings for Pickwick Landing Dam power plant. They will carry 2,500,000-pound load

Two tremendous thrust bearings will support the 2,500,000-pound load of the moving parts in the generators and water wheels, and the water thrust of the Pickwick Landing Dam power plant. Patterned after a giant washer with a diameter of 105 inches, the bearings have a running plate of polished cast iron resting on ten bearing shoes, operating in a bath of oil so that the rotating parts actually float on oil. It will take 6,500 gallons of oil to bathe the bearings. To dissipate the small amount of heat generated, 100 gallons of water per minute will flow through coils immersed in the oil.

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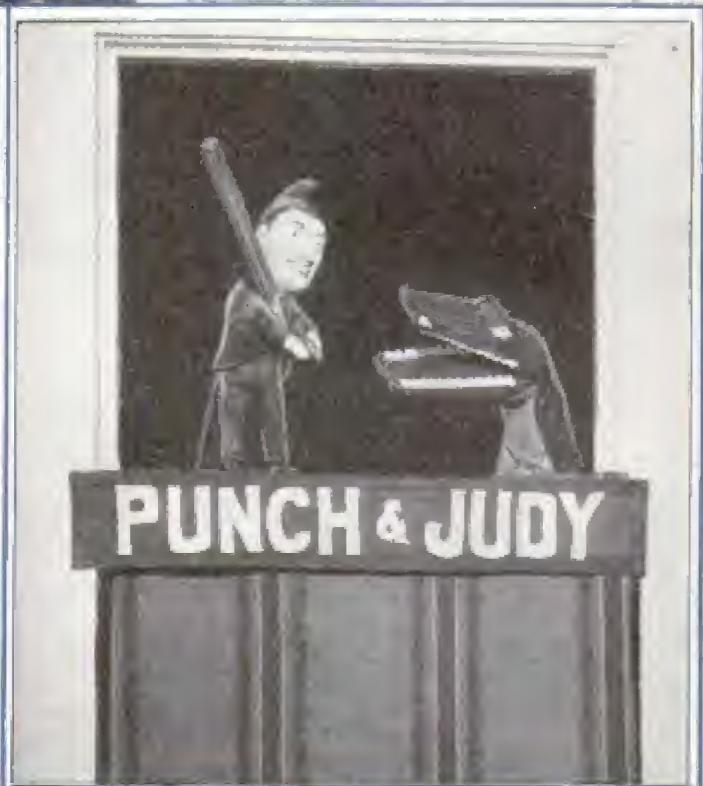
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PUPPETRY, a graybeard among the arts, is coming into its own in America.

Not so long ago, interest was limited to a few professional touring companies and a handful of amateurs, but puppets have gone democratic and their popularity has skyrocketed.

Marionettes, number one branch of the puppet family, have invaded our business and economic life. When a refrigerator company wants to tell the merits of its machine at a world's fair, a puppeteer is summoned. He works out a complete production with special script, characters, costumes and settings. When the show is presented he and his assistants control the characters and read the lines. Thus the sales message is put across in a dramatic and entertaining manner.



Top, puppeteer with some of his hand puppets. Bottom, left, how Punch and Judy show looks from the rear. Right, how it appears to the audience

PUPPETS



Free marionette plays based on fairy tales and legends are used as magnets to draw holiday shoppers into department stores. The commercial side is but one phase of the movement. Storybook heroes are brought to life in the public libraries' weekly story hours through this medium. In elementary schools it is used in similar fashion, particularly in the dramatization of historical incidents. A number of colleges and universities offer complete courses in puppet making and designing, manipulating, producing and stage lighting.

But greater than any of these special applications is the widespread public interest in puppets. There are more than fifty professional companies with a repertory of some 500 plays giving shows. The federal theater is active in the puppet field as are Junior League chapters, and hundreds of dramatic groups in high schools and colleges. There are a few theaters devoted exclusively to the production of puppet plays, serious efforts such as Doctor



Artist and mother
Top, left and right, two scenes in which Paramount used marionettes for novel effect in movie. Bottom, Hazelle Hedges with marionette she designed for beginners

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Faustus, the Passion Play, and Taming of the Shrew. Operettas, children's plays, folklore, religious themes—all are suitable to the marionette stage.

In thousands of garages, store rooms and homes men and women devote their recreational hours to working with puppets for the benefit of themselves and their children. They are simply hobbyists who have been bitten by the puppet bug and their ranks are increasing daily.

Hazel Hedges was among the first to see the commercial possibilities in this branch of the art.

Four years ago she was just another art student with time on her hands. One day, a small boy showed her a marionette he had received from a relative. The youngster suggested that she try making a mate to go with the puppet. The experiment worked out so well that she made several more and started writing playlets to go with them. The director of the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art in Kansas City employed her to conduct classes for children. When the courses were announced, children responded in droves and Miss Hedges, with eight

assistants, started instructing them. The children made puppets, clothed them to represent figures in important paintings and acted out little scenes built around the works of art. The children had a lot of fun and, at the same time, learned to appreciate the world's finest paintings.

In looking over the field, Miss Hedges discovered there were fewer than a dozen persons making puppets to sell and the bulk of these were catering to advanced puppeteers. Upon learning that the big department stores were buying their marionettes in France,



Top, Russell Patterson with marionette. Center, manipulating finger puppet. Bottom, Miss Hedges and assistant putting finishing touches on marionettes

Italy, and Czechoslovakia, she decided to bring out an American-made puppet. When she did she found a waiting market and today she employs a large staff of craftsmen. Not only does she sell American stores but ships her creations to stores in English-speaking countries all over the world.

Another success story in the puppet field is that of Russell Patterson's. When the depression started, his income as an illustrator dwindled. Patterson harnessed up his experience as a stage and costume designer with his mechanical talents and built a number of miniature stages. These he



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New York artist

Top, Artist Patterson with marionette. Bottom, puppet show aids in dramatizing sales message

dressed to scale and then fashioned a group of figurines to people them. His best was one of a Manhattan office. He worked out two characters, a stenographer and her boss, for the setting and then he photographed it. The first editor who saw the picture bought it as a cover for his magazine. Patterson profited handsomely from subsequent orders and before long he had a pay roll of doll dressmakers, modelers and carvers that more than topped his former salary as an illustrator.

His first venture with marionettes was a sophisticated show that was "tailor-made" for New York's smart supper clubs. Buoyed up by this success, he tried the movies. For a series of shorts using puppet characters, he made a few experiments and decided to follow the stop-

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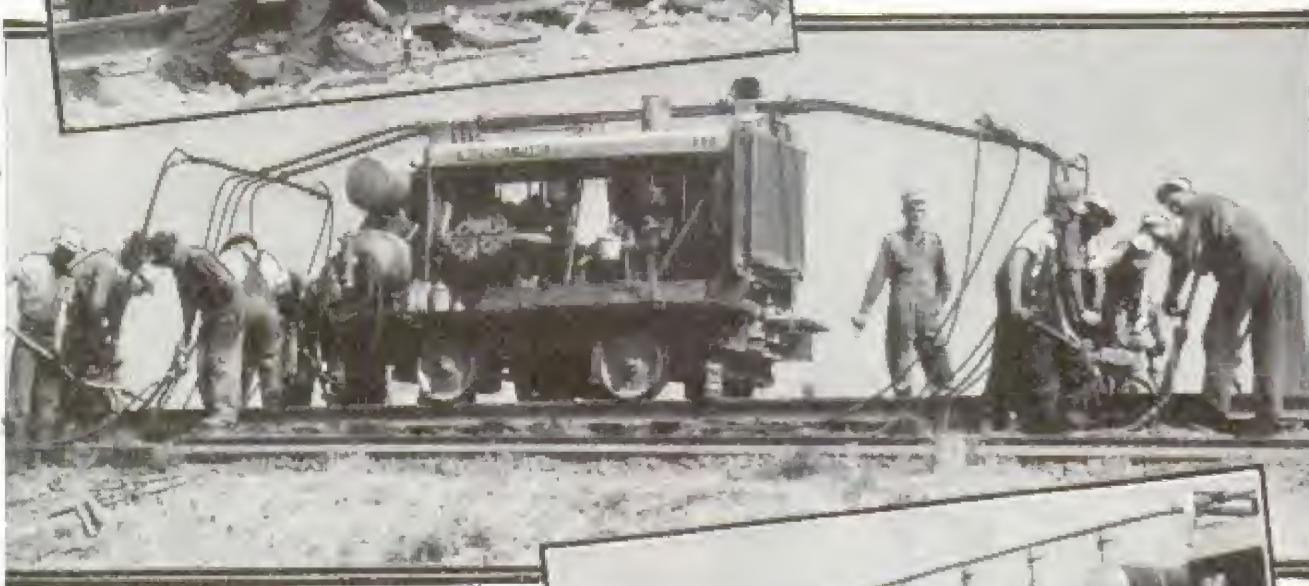


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Compressed Air Smooths Way for Streamliner



Compressed air replaces section hands' swinging arms in driving spikes in railroad ties. At left, pneumatic tampers pound ballast; below, air compressor cars feed as many as sixteen spike-driving hammers at once



Sledge hammers swinging from muscular arms have pounded spikes into ties for a hundred years of railroad building, but today compressed air furnishes the muscle for the pneumatic hammers tamping ties and ballast and driving spikes. The rails are being straightened out for a smoother, swifter road for the streamliners. Even three-degree curves are smoothed out; on the Santa Fe railway the track relocation calls for a maximum curve of one degree thirty minutes to permit hundred-mile-an-hour streamline trains to keep up their steady pace. As the track is relaid, air-compressor cars move along with the gangs, supplying pressure to as many as sixteen tools at a time, and the ballast is pounded down, ties are leveled and spikes are driven into place to the noisy tattoo of the pneumatic hammer at many times the speed of the old-time section gangs.



Heat Rating and Ash Content of Coal to Be Classified

Soon you will be able to buy coal with foreknowledge of the exact amount of heat and ashes you are getting for your dollar. Until recently, buying coal was a matter of specifying anthracite, bituminous, or lignite; perhaps of ordering coal from a specific region or mine; but the purchaser seldom knew the exact heat value he paid for. Now engineers of the U. S. Geological

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Survey are testing coal for heating value and carbon content, and when classification is complete you can buy coal with a definite amount of heat per dollar, burning at a specified speed and containing a known amount of ash.

1454 Greetings Wired in Writing by "Facsimile" Telegraph

Photographic messages and greetings in the sender's own handwriting are now sent by wire in England. The British post office inaugurated this service during the Christmas holidays as a unique way of sending greetings, the method being similar to the "facsimile" telegram and the wiring of news photographs in America. Dress designers use this service to telegraph patterns, and police and banks dispatch facsimiles of signatures and handwriting.

1429 'SOS' Blinker on Cab Roof Is Driver's Holdup Signal

On the roof of a taxicab in Washington, D. C., is a lamp that looks like an ordinary "empty" signal. In reality it is the driver's secret signal to police that he is being held up. The cabman installed it himself. When he pushes a switch above the clutch, the light starts blinking and continues to signal for help until turned off.



When cab driver switches on this blinking light, it is a signal to police that he is being robbed

Shotgun Shell Starts Engine When Fired into a Cylinder



Inserting shotgun shell into special firing chamber in cylinder and touching it off with plunger to start gasoline engine

When emergency calls for the use of a standby motor to operate a drawbridge between Troy and Watervliet, N. Y., a shotgun shell starts the engine. Normally the city power lines furnish electricity for the bridge. In case of power failure, however, the four-cylinder gasoline engine is ready. To start the big four-cycle motor, a ten-gauge shell is inserted in a special firing chamber on one cylinder. Then the motor is primed and set just beyond dead center with respect to this cylinder by means of a gauge on the flywheel. When the shell is fired by means of a plunger, the explosion turns the motor over.

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Drill Boats Blast Rock from River Bottom



Top, explosive hurls water and rock into air. Right, preparing dynamite charge. Bottom, a drill boat in action. Note the eighty-foot tower supporting the hammer

WHEN government dredges encounter flintlike rock on river bottoms, a call goes out for the drill boat and its crew of professional rock-breakers. The drill boat is a large barge equipped with machinery for drilling holes under water and to load them with dynamite for blasting. After the drill crew has given the river bottom a treatment, with the explosive ripping the rock off the river bed, a dredge follows to remove the pieces of rock, clearing the channel and making the stream safer for navigation. The drill boat is operated by skilled men with a knowledge of how to

combat the difficulties they encounter. In spring and summer, the water frequently is high, forcing the dynamite load from the holes and breaking mooring cables. In fall and winter, the water is low, making it hard to move the drill boat and dangerous to change crews. Wind, lightning, snow, ice, fog and other handicaps must be overcome. The drill boat usually operates twenty-four hours a day until the job is

completed. Lengthwise, one half of the boat is housed by a two-story structure. Perched on top of this is the lever room which contains all the controls for moving the barge. On the other half is a large carriage mounted on railroad wheels, enabling it to travel the full length of the deck. From the carriage rises an eighty-foot steel tower which supports the hammer and the sand column. The hammer, operated by steam, drills the holes in the rock, striking seventy-five to 100 blows per minute. As the drill cuts into the rock, the hole is kept clear by a high-pressure water feed which is forced down through the hollow drill. After the hole reaches the proper depth, it is loaded with dynamite forced down through a tube, and gravel is poured on top to keep the load from shifting. The carriage is then moved and another hole sunk, until seven have been drilled and loaded. When the barge has been moved to a safe distance, the dynamite loads are set off by electricity, hurling thousands of gallons of water and large pieces of rock into the air. It is slow work, for the rows are only eight feet apart and there are usually seven holes to a row. With the rig running continuously, the average is about twenty-one holes every twenty-four hours.

Portable Photo Copy Machine Will Enlarge or Reduce



Photographing letter with portable copying camera which can enlarge, reduce or reproduce same size

Glass Stairs at Paris Fair Lead to the Glass Pavilion



Glass stairway leading to entrance of pavilion of glass at Paris international exposition. Inset shows underside of stairs

Even the stair treads leading to the glass pavilion at the Paris Exposition are made of glass. The broad glass stairway arches up to the elevated entrance in a beautiful, sweeping curve, and the front of the building itself is of curved-glass panels, the side walls being constructed of glass bricks.

Enlargements, reductions or facsimiles can be made without expert help by using a portable photograph copying machine just put on the market. It handles both photographic film and sensitized paper, and the average office boy can operate it in ordinary office light. The page to be copied is lighted by four lamps with reflectors. There are two sizes, the larger machine handling copy up to twenty by twenty-eight inches.

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Velvet-Lined Dog House Has Auto-Type Cushion



Dog in its de luxe house. Note the folding roof and the window at the rear

Complete in all its appointments, a de luxe home for "Chipper," a Sealyham dog, has velvet-lined walls. An automobile-type mohair cushion is among its furnishings and it has a window at the rear.

Fastest Plane Left Far Behind by 818-Mile-an-Hour Insect

Only one living thing can still outrace the fastest airplane man has built—a little deerfly that travels 818 miles an hour on gauzy wings! Man himself is relatively slow of foot; Jesse Owens has been clocked at a fraction above twenty-one miles an hour for 100 meters. But man has devised machines to carry him faster in the air, the sea and on land than anything living save this deer botfly, observed by a scientist in New Mexico at a speed faster than sound. Man's record speed in air is 440.6 miles an hour; the duck hawk has been timed at 180 miles an hour. On land, men have traveled 311 miles an hour by automobile, 120 miles an hour by train; the cheetah, swiftest of animals, runs seventy miles an hour, the jackrabbit forty-five,

the race horse forty-two, the greyhound thirty-six. The fastest man on foot is slower than the clumsy elephant, which can charge at twenty-four and a half miles an hour. On water, man's record is 129.6 miles an hour. Flying fish have been clocked at thirty-five miles an hour, the speed of the "Normandie"; pike and submarines have a top speed of ten miles an hour submerged.

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One Man Takes Down a Steeple in Less Than Two Days

Contractors estimated it would take several men a full week to dismantle the steeple of a church in Windsor Locks, Conn., first building up staging to the full height of the steeple. A carpenter volunteered to do it alone, and he did—in less than two days. Instead of erecting staging, he worked his way up inside the tower to the base of the cross; cut the braces which anchored the cross, cut an opening in the side of the steeple, and with a pulley block and tackle lowered the eleven-foot cross 175 feet to the ground single-handed. The rest of the wrecking job was simpler, and he finished the second day.

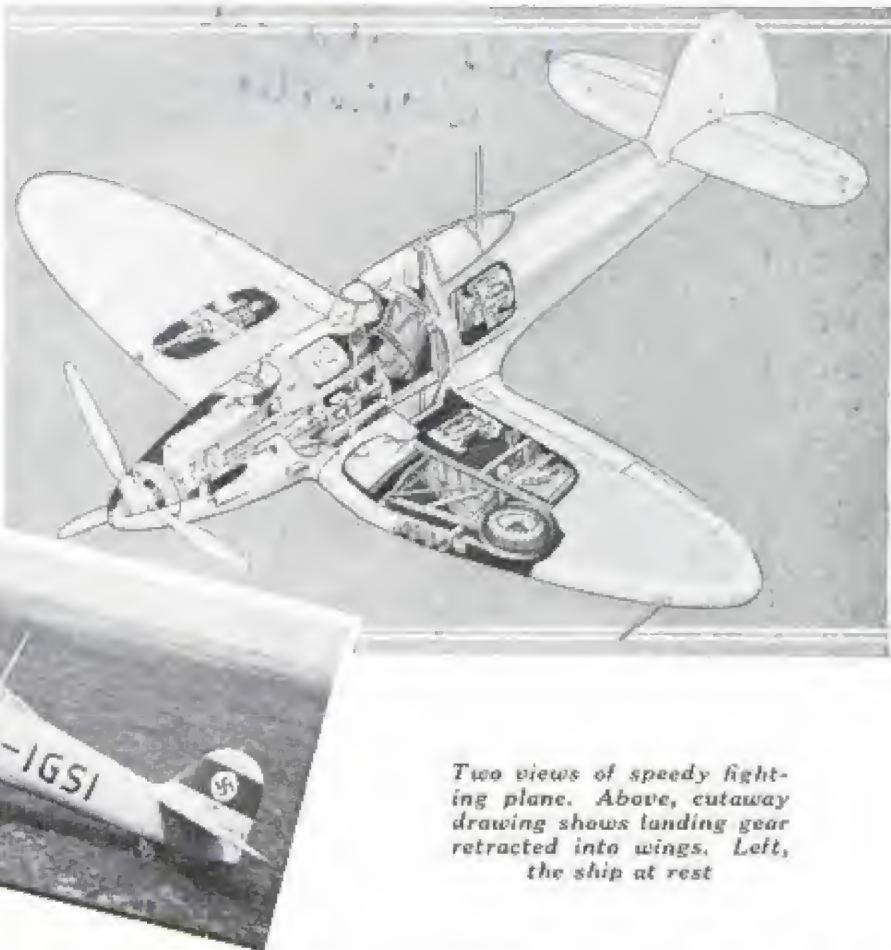
St. Mary's Catholic Church



Carpenter lowers eleven-foot cross 175 feet to street after cutting hole from inside steeple

Speedy Air Fighter Carries Guns and Bombs

Fitted with two machine guns, two small cannon and bomb-dropping apparatus, the latest German air fighter attains a top speed of 302 miles per hour. It is a single seater powered by a 685-horse-power engine. The effective range of the plane is 685 miles. It is capable of an altitude of 28,000 feet.



Two views of speedy fighting plane. Above, cutaway drawing shows landing gear retracted into wings. Left, the ship at rest

The machine guns fire through the propeller, while the cannon fire from the wings. For attacking targets on the ground, the

plane is equipped with two bomb racks which have a capacity of six bombs weighing twenty-two pounds each.

14 Engine Turned Around to Give Adequate Space in Car

By turning the engine end-for-end, with the radiator at the rear instead of the front of the motor, manufacturers of a foreign car now being sold in the United States achieve an increase in passenger space. The radiator rests just above the clutch cover. Better visibility is attained by this

arrangement because it makes possible the sloping of the hood down over the engine, out of the driver's line of vision. The hood, hinged at the front lower end, exposes the entire engine when it is swung downward from the top. The engine is mounted slightly ahead of the front axle, with the pas-

senger seats squarely between the wheels, at almost the exact center of the wheel base, to give smooth riding. Steering gear, transmission and other drive units are arranged so that two six-foot passengers can be accommodated comfortably although the car is unusually small in overall dimensions.



This cross-section of light foreign auto shows how the manufacturer increased passenger space by setting engine ahead of front axle

Frank Newlin drew in New York

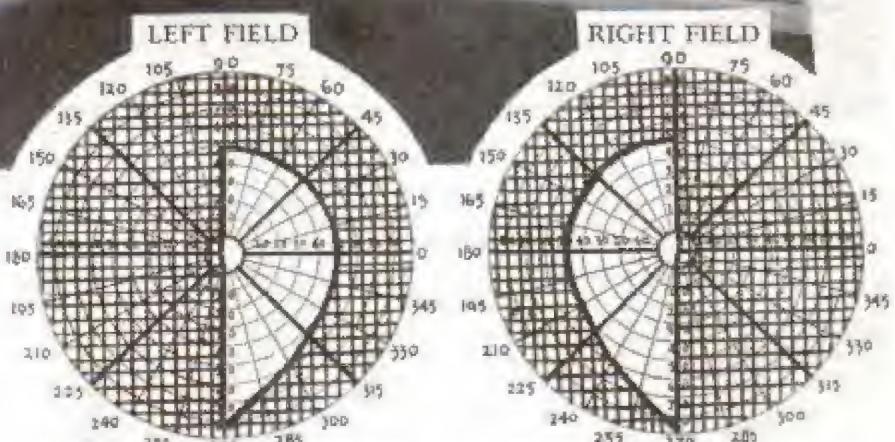
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MISSING three passes in one football game resulted in no condemnation for a University of California fullback. Instead, the team's mentor, noticing that each time the ball had come over the player's left shoulder, sent him to the "eye coach."

"Why, my eyes are normal—I can read every line on the chart," protested the athlete; but the optometrist had him look at a little white target which he moved on a semicircular track until it came into the player's line of sight.

On the right side, the player detected its approach immediately, but on the left he didn't see it until it was almost directly in front of him. So far as moving objects were concerned, he was almost blind on that side. The doctor found the player had an infected tooth. Dental services and subsequent recovery to normal vision put the



Top, measuring extent of visual fields. Bottom, shaded areas in circles are blind patches in visual field of fatal-accident driver, who could see only about fifty degrees to each side

player back into the game in a short time.

At the University of California and the University of San Francisco, eye coaches check players at the beginning of each season and measure their vision for moving objects. If a backfield man is blind in the "tail" of his left eye, he is put on the left side of the line, where his handicap won't prevent him from seeing opposing interference when he runs with the ball.

Even though you're not near or farsighted, you may be quite blind in the tail of the eye, say the experts. With special

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testing equipment they will show you, too, that your vision fluctuates from hour to hour with your physical condition. An extra cup of coffee or a cocktail may dull your eyesight and make you fail to notice an oncoming vehicle, a boulevard stop or a pedestrian running across the street. A bad tooth or an infected sinus may narrow your field of vision so it isn't safe for you to work around machinery or at a factory bench. And the trouble is, you probably do not realize your deficiency, although it can be detected easily and, in many cases, cured.

At the Los Angeles School of Optometry, Dr. Ernest A. Hutchinson uses a variety of instruments in training his student doctors to chart the ability to see moving objects. They seat you before a blackboard and have you look straight ahead while a small white target about the size of a dime is moved about at the end of a long wand. As the target passes about the



Top, tail-of-eye blind driver of car at point of V-shaped light area cannot see car entering from right. Bottom, instrument which helps restore vision

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side of your head, it finally disappears. The examining doctor makes chalk marks on the board showing the limits of vision, until the visual field is entirely charted out. If you're normal your field will be oval-shaped, but if the oval's lopsided, you'll know one eye has a restricted field. Sometimes there are sizable spots in the middle, caused usually by disease or actual eye injuries.

If the charted field is a small circle, the doctor knows you have "tunnel" vision and can only see those things directly ahead of you. If this is the case, you ought to know it, for as a driver you're a menace to yourself and everyone else. Only by keeping abnormally



Top, using instrument to detect blind spots. Bottom, instrument for "re-educating" eyes of squinting children



alert and constantly turning your head to look from side to side, can you hope to avoid trouble.

You can easily test your own "tail-of-the-eye" field of vision for moving objects. Have some one face you in a good light, holding a light-colored pencil at eye level. While you look him steadily in the face, have him move the pencil to one side until it disappears from view. Note how far it had to travel. You ought to be able to see at least over a ninety-degree angle. If it disappears within seventy degrees, there is something wrong and you should consult an eye specialist.

Everybody "sees double," say the experts, for the eye is really a double-seeing machine. Behind your eyeballs lie two sets of apparatus—one for looking sharply at things, the other for detecting moving objects. You see keenly with the "fovea," a pinhead spot on the eye's sensitive retina, where seven million microscopic nerve endings are concentrated. These tiny, color-sensitive cells, or "cones," do all your exact seeing.

Surrounding this spot are other millions of cells called "rods." Altogether, the retina has more nerve endings than there are hairs on the heads of 1,500 people. The rods see nothing very distinctly, and they don't know one color from another, but they are amazingly sensitive to light. Any moving object instantly attracts attention. A message is flashed to the brain, warning it to turn the eyes that way.

Because the fovea is actually a depressed spot in the retina, doctors compare your eye to a catcher's mitt, spread wide to stop the ball, and with a central "hole" to hold it. Unfortunately, when light is dim, the

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fovea doesn't register as well. Then you have to rely upon the sensitive rods used in tail-of-the-eye vision. That means you can't see colors well at twilight. And the fact that your keen-vision apparatus isn't working, is one reason why there are so many automobile accidents at dusk.

Applying the same fact in an unusual way, astronomers sometimes succeed in making out a very



Top, using instrument for developing coordination between the eyes to eliminate "limping" vision. Bottom, teaming up eyes of squinting child

faint double star by looking slightly to one side so it may actually be seen better with the more sensitive rods outside of the central "hot spot."

As a matter of fact, you don't do any actual seeing while your eyes are moving. In reading, for example, the eyes move across the page in a series of jerks, and the brain gets a series of snapshots instead of a con-



tinuous picture. While the eye is traveling, the sense of vision seems to be paralyzed—otherwise things would blur when you turned your eyes. Your speed of reading therefore depends upon the shortest time your eyes can stop. On the average, the eyes remain focused on a spot for seventeen hundredths second. The shortest time recorded is seven hundredths second. At this rate your eyes are working about as fast as the shutter of an ordinary movie camera, which makes sixteen frames per second.

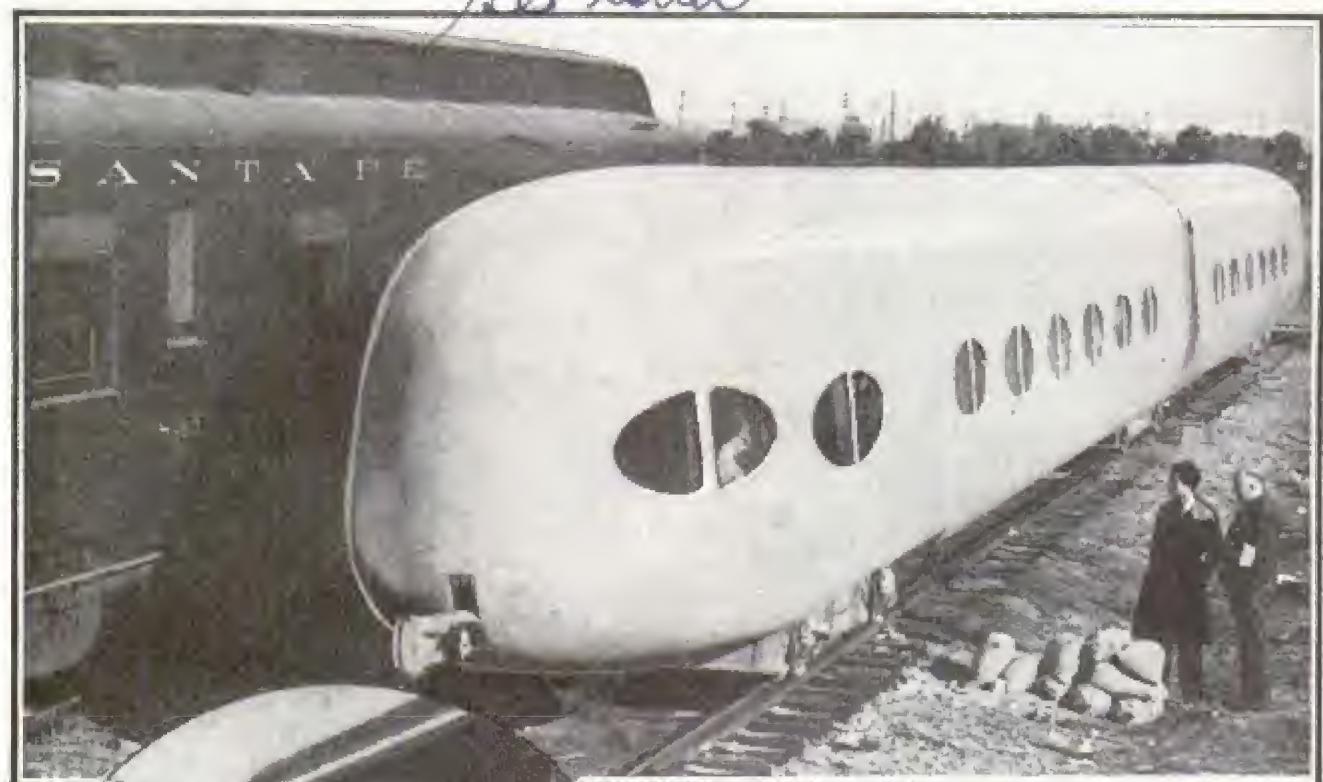
Even if your eyes are in excellent condition you still have a small blind spot, because at the place in the retina where the optic nerve enters the eye, there are no rods or cones with which to see. Make a cross on a piece of paper; then, about two inches to the right, make a round dot about the size of a pea. Close the left eye and focus the right eye on the cross. Then bring the diagram closer. At about seven inches the black dot will disappear—it has reached your blind spot.

That blind spot may not look big—but it's big enough for a person with one eye shut to lose sight of a man if he is standing thirty yards away and six to eight yards

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Upper view shows how low the new streamliners are when compared with standard car on adjoining track. At left is a glimpse of coil spring on which car body "floats." Notice ample head room in unfinished interior, below



Streamline railroad cars that swing like a hammock, embodying radical changes from traditional design, have just undergone their first high-speed track tests. Banking themselves on curves, smoothing out the jolts in the track, these new cars "float" like a suspension bridge, for the bodies are hung from bulkhead assemblies in towers erected at the four corners. In the bulkheads are very soft springs, cushioned with rubber for a maximum of riding comfort. Conventional railway cars have their spring system in

the trucks, below the center of gravity; with the springing above the center of gravity in the new coaches they bank like an airplane. The floor level is only thirty inches above the rails compared with fifty-two inches in conventional cars; the roof is eleven feet high, lower by three feet than

the former style, yet there is eight feet of head room inside. Development of this design was sponsored by Cortlandt T. Hill, grandson of James J. Hill, "empire-builder" of the Great Northern railway, and among the engineers engaged on the plans were several aircraft and automotive designers whose influence is seen in the monocoque or "stressed skin" body adapted from modern airplanes. The outer shell of the car serves as a supporting structure instead of being merely a covering. The cars weigh only 30,000 to 40,000 pounds, less than half as much as standard coaches or sleeping cars.

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**One-Motor Clipper
Cruises at
Eighty-Five**

Closely resembling the clipper planes except that it has only one motor, a new forty-horsepower flying boat recently was put through its paces at a bay near Garden City, L. I. It has a top speed of ninety-three to 100 miles per hour and a cruising speed of eighty-five. It is powered by a nine-cylinder engine mounted on the wing above the pilot's compartment.



Here is the clipper ship, powered with a single motor, after a test. Its motor develops forty horsepower.

Anti-Static Loop on Ground Aids Air-Line Communication



Demonstrating the size of anti-static loop for ground stations. The loop is intended to reduce interference in plane-ground communication

New Queen 22 No Ballie Cheyay
 Designed to improve ground-to-plane communication and make flying safer, a large anti-static loop antenna for ground radio stations has been placed in service at Cheyenne, Wyo., by United Air Lines. It is the latest equipment devised for suppression of snow and rain static, which frequently has

interfered with communication between ground stations and air liners. A smaller, but similar, loop is mounted on each United plane beneath the fuselage. The ground loop is five and one-half feet in diameter and is mounted outside the radio room. The loop casing is aluminum and the antenna is a single strand of one-sixteenth-inch copper wire supported inside the loop by porcelain beads.

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19525 Carving Wildfowl Decoys in Home Workshop



posts of proper size are often used for the bodies, and the heads are sawed out in the rough. In earlier times, gunners used a sharp hatchet for preliminary shaping, but a broad chisel, very sharp, and a leather mallet are the tools recommended today. If the decoy sculptor lacks a regular workbench with end vise, a small vise can be used to hold the rough body by the keel while working. A spokeshave and drawknife are the other necessary tools. The bird's head is doweled on, then fastened with wrought-iron toenails.

For the final sanding, a wedge-shaped piece of cork is used, selected to fit the hand easily. The plumage pattern can be sketched on the decoy with pencil, and when the final coat of paint is be-

Top, decoy sculptor sketches plumage pattern on a wooden duck. At left is a giant swan decoy and several miniatures. Below, drilling the hole in which the head is doweled

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WOODEN ducks and sculptured swans, once the product of the huntsman's shanty, today are being chiseled and painted by amateur sculptors and sportsmen in homes and shops around the country. Joel Barber, New York architect who has collected thousands of these wildfowl decoys—some a century old—calls the making of game-bird effigies "the one native, original American art." The best materials for wooden decoys are white pine or cedar; cedar



ing applied the glass eyes, available at a taxidermist supply shop, can be fitted into reamed-out sockets. The fresh paint is enough to hold them in place. Mr. Barber, who not only collects but makes decoys in his studio apartment, anticipates renewed interest in decoy sculpture through sports exhibitions during National Wildlife Restoration Week this spring.

'Tailor-Made' Chair Built to Your Measure

Just as the tailor or dressmaker takes your measure for clothing, the furniture maker can fit you with a "tailor-made" easy chair. Your measurements are taken with an adjustable upholstered chair which registers the size of your neck, back and legs, and your height and width. From these dimensions a chair is built to fit.



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Chairs can be built to your measure now by taking your dimensions in this adjustable measuring chair.

Huge Shovel Balances Itself with Mercury-Switch 'Brain'



Huge electric coal-stripping shovel is kept level by four mercury switches (upper inset) mounted at corners of control table, shown at right

Four tiny mercury switches mounted on a plane table are the "nerve center" that gives a sense of balance to the giant electric power shovel that is scooping coal in a Missouri strip mine at a rate of thirty-three cubic yards to the dipper. This 2,500,000-pound mechanical monster travels on four

"legs," each leg resting on a tractor with twin crawler belts and individual electric drive. Thus each tractor supports more than a half million pounds of working weight. Moving along on irregular ground, or settling down at one corner on soft terrain, the shovel might tilt badly off balance but for the hydraulic jack on each leg. Each jack raises or lowers its corner at the automatic direction of the four mercury switches, for, as the plane table tilts with the shovel, mercury flows from one end of the switch tubes to the other, completing a circuit which controls operation of the pumps operating the hydraulic jacks. As the stripper returns to level, the mercury switch resumes its open-circuit position.

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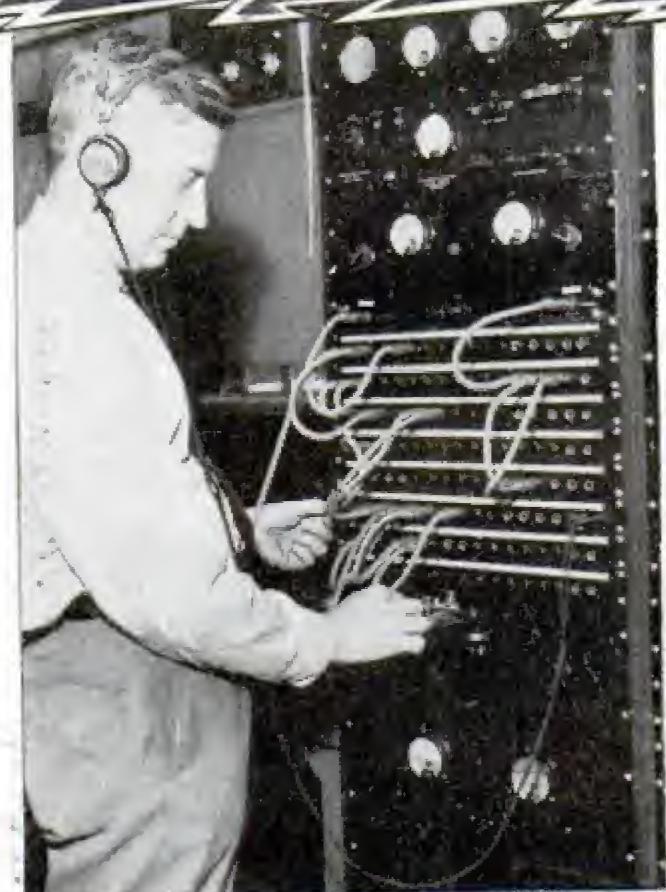


Ship operator talking to another ship by means of the radio telephone

WHEN a ship calls for help, radio stations on shore go to its aid just as rapidly as do vessels near by.

A great ship-to-shore radio station is much more than a mere relay point for transmitting messages. It is a clearing house for marine disasters and a nerve center for arranging rescue work. Sitting in front of his panels, the shore operator never can tell when a few short signals that spell trouble at sea will come in through his earphones.

"QRA? What ship is that? Have you suffered any damage?" Snapping through the air without previous warning, the questions tell of a sudden emergency. The operator knows the ship that signed the message is due in port in four hours. Right now it is twenty miles off the coast. The last weather report from the shore station included a warning of heavy fog. These facts, plus the radio queries, tell the operator just what has happened. Hampered by low visibility, the ship has collided with



Radio switchboard through which messages from several different receiving sets can be hooked to headphones or relayed to land wires

SOS"

an unknown vessel and now the captains are communicating by radio.

As the reply comes through, the land operator copies every word. Damage is compared by both ships. If one is badly rammed the passengers and crew may have to be transshipped at once. The land station may be asked to phone for a tug. The coast guard may be asked to rush a cutter. In any event, the owners of the ships must be notified.

At KOK, the Manhattan Beach marine station of the Mackay radio system near Los Angeles, an operator sits on watch day and night. He guards two or three different wave channels at the same time with "split" earphones. One earphone is connected to a set tuned to the 600-meter international calling band and the other is connected to two short-wave sets tuned to different frequencies. When a message on any one frequency comes through for him he can cut out the other phone circuits with a switch. While on watch he continually swings the connected dials of the short-wave receivers so as to "guard" the whole width of the bands.

During the last dozen years the KOK operators have had an active connection with about ten SOS calls in which they handled traffic from disabled vessels or forwarded messages for assistance. The station has



Top, radio direction finder on ship shows direction of incoming signals. Bottom, navigator in chart room studying, by means of magnifying glass, location of ship requesting assistance



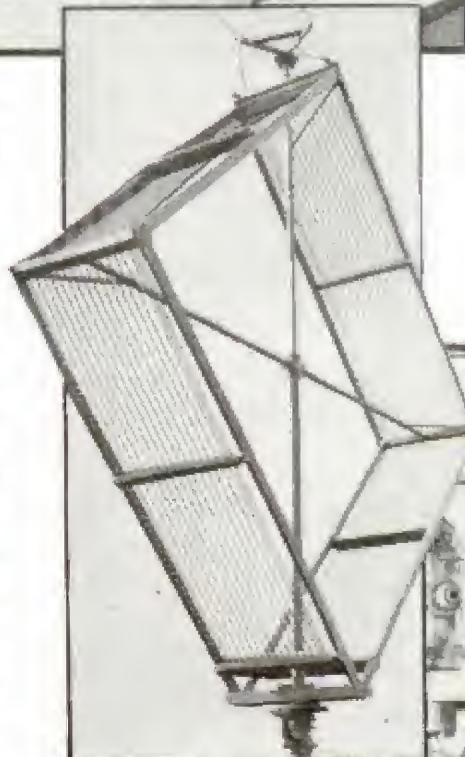
Above, close-up of operator's desk at land station, showing numerous keys used for transmitting on different wave lengths

listened to dozens of other SOS calls, both on the Atlantic and Pacific, that were too far away for the operators to give assistance. In such case they shut down their transmitters so they will not interfere with stations closer to the disaster.

The idea of a land station 1,800 miles away from a ship sending out an emergency call for it may seem strange, but that happened a few years ago. Early one evening Lindley Winser, chief operator at KOK, was called on short wave by the tanker "Australia" far out in the north Pacific.

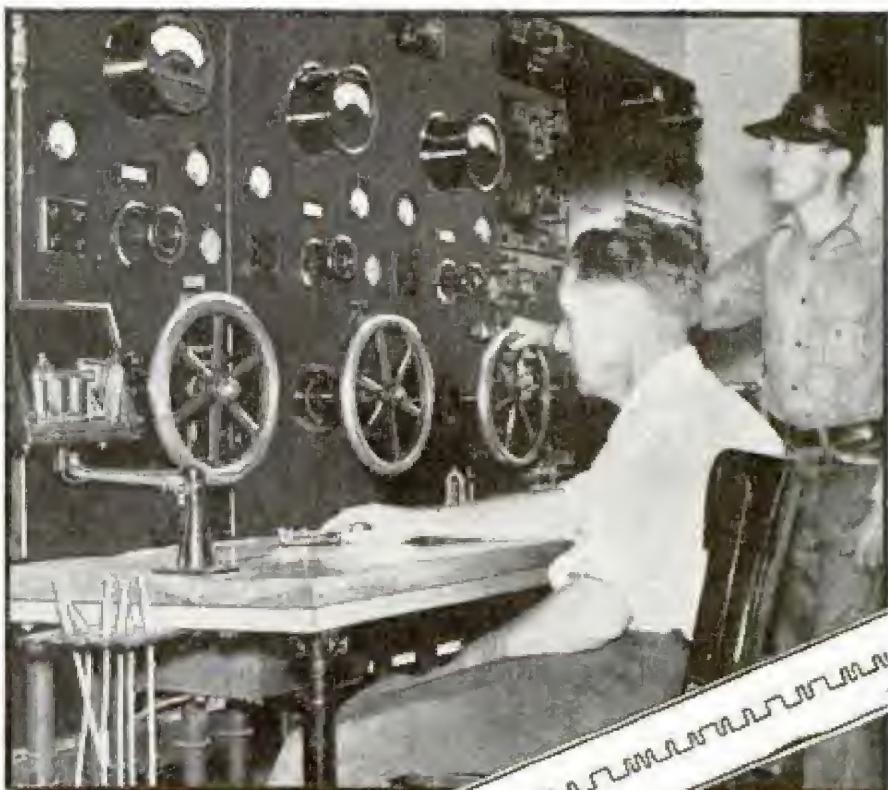
"Stand by. Stand by," the message read. "There has just been an explosion on board. Stand by for an emergency call." The ship operator went on to explain that he was alone in the radio cabin in the forward part of the ship, a terrific explosion had occurred amidships, the ship was on fire, and the captain was in the stern. He kept giving details while awaiting official word to send the emergency call. Finally the operator told Winser that the captain had made his way forward and was order-

ing an SOS. It was going to take a little time for the operator on the "Australia" to shift over to 600 meters and warm up his transmitter. Every minute counts in such an emergency, so Winser substituted for him. Without any delay he immediately rapped out a series of SOS calls on 600 meters with his own powerful transmitter, giving the vessel's position and signing off with its call letters instead of his own. That quieted down everyone within range and gave ships in the same area a chance to start estimating their distances from the tanker. Then the tanker came on the air and rescue work was arranged. After several hours the crew subdued the fire and the ship proceeded.



Center, fixed loop antenna used for reception of point-to-point radio messages. Bottom, water-cooled tube used in 5,000-watt transmitter

But SOS messages are only a fraction of all emergency traffic. Few accidents at sea are sufficiently serious enough to require the "come and get us" message. If a ship goes aground and is in no immediate danger the captain never issues such an order. What he usually does is rush a message to its owners, explaining his condition and asking for whatever aid the circumstances demand. Possibly a tug must be sent to drag the ship clear. When a ship loses its propeller or snaps its tail shaft at sea it may be in no actual danger at the time but messages for a tow or for instructions from the owner must be handled with emergency dispatch. No one can tell

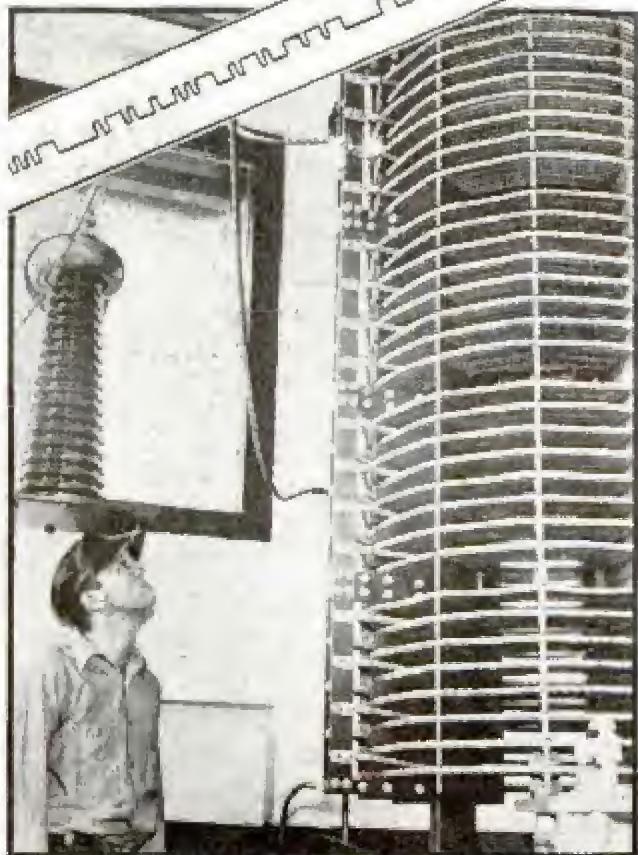


when a storm might arise that would increase the damage.

KOK is the land station chiefly used by the west coast tuna clipper fleet. Eighty or ninety of these 120-foot fishing boats cruise as far south as the coast of South America. All of them rely on short-wave radio for communication, hence when one finds itself in trouble it is unable to ask for help on 600 meters, the wave length on which distress calls are supposed to be sent. Usually the vessel calls KOK on short wave and arranges for whatever rescue work is needed.

Hardly a month goes by without some accident happening to the fishing fleet. That is because the nature of the work requires the boats to ride through heavy storms that send larger ships far out of their way. While following schools of fish the boats have to skirt dangerous reefs or work in close to rocky shores.

The Mackay station handles an average of five or six "Medico" calls a month, sometimes as many as eighteen a month, many of which originate among the fishing boats. If a fishing captain's sketchy knowledge of doctoring and the contents of his medicine chest aren't sufficient to help a

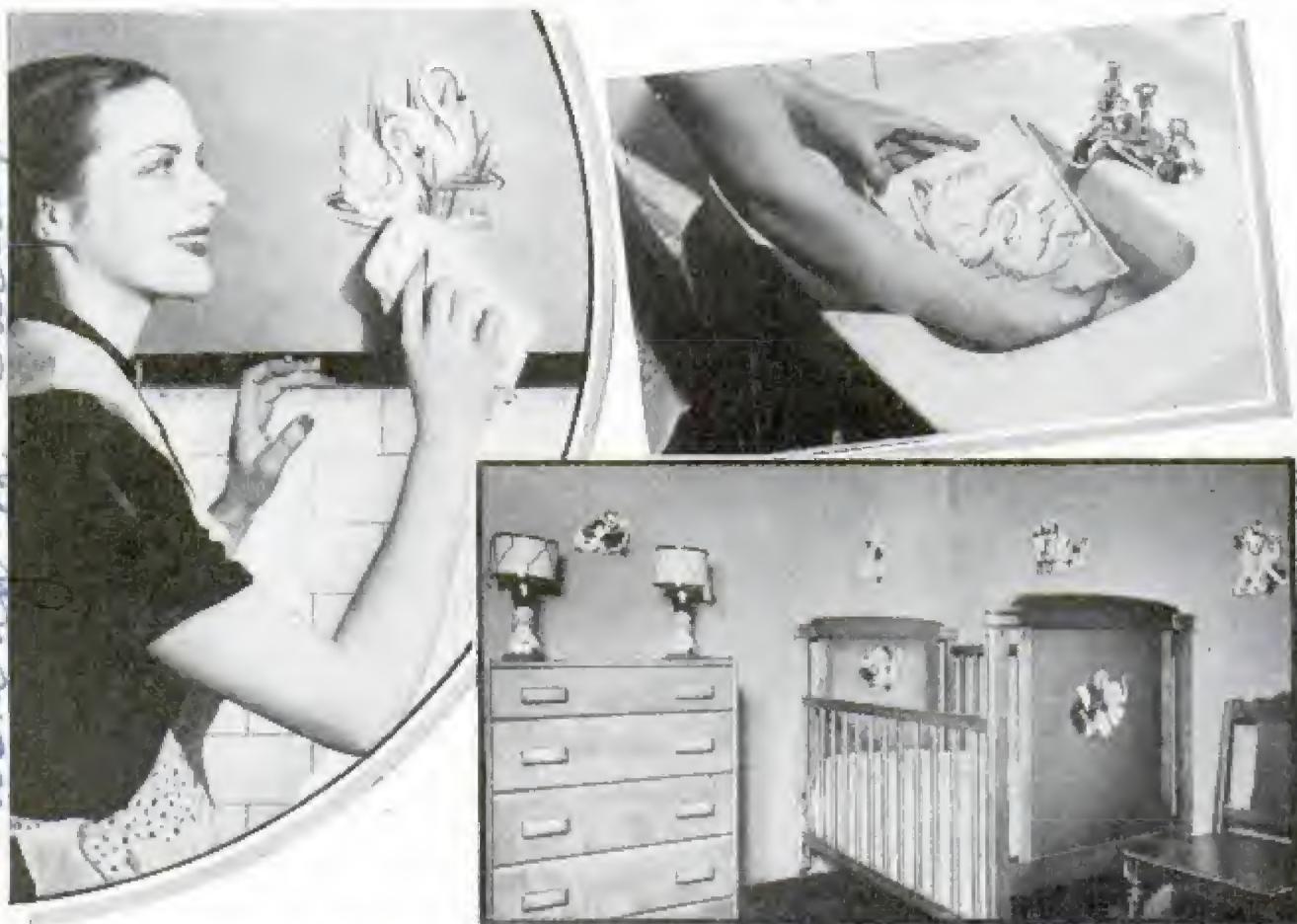


Top, control-panel of transmitting station. Center, automatic tape used in high-speed transmission. Bottom, part of transmitter's tuning coil

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Decorative Wall Designs Applied with Water

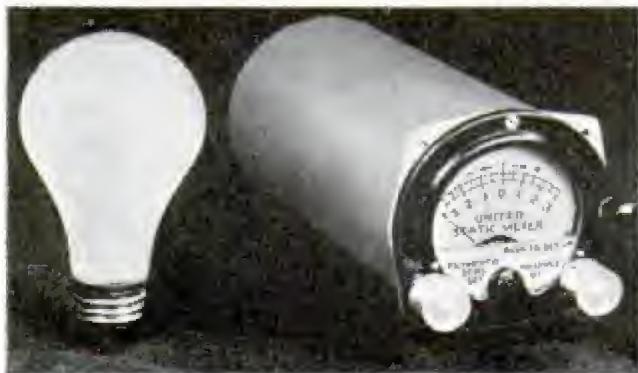


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Here are several views of the wall decorations. Left and top, right, steps in application of the designs. Bottom, right, effect achieved by decorating walls and furniture with the transfers.

Made in a variety of brightly colored designs, simplified decorative transfers for walls, ceilings and furniture are available. The transfers can be applied in about one minute. Best results are obtained when they are applied to wood, metal, glass and washable wallpapers. For the bathroom there are transfers depicting fish, sailboats, lighthouses, swans, water lilies, and flamingoes. Gay circus scenes and animal

pictures comprise the nursery appointments. The transfer is applied by soaking in warm water for ten to fifteen seconds, then sliding it off the backing paper until it projects about two inches over the edge. Next the wall is moistened, the transfer applied face up, and the edge pressed down. Finally the backing paper is pulled from the rest of the transfer and the design is smoothed out with a damp cloth.

Static "Detective" Warns Air-Liner Pilot of Interference



Airplane static meter beside a bulb to show size

Static too feeble for the pilot of an air liner to notice in his radio earphones will tilt the needle of a static "detective" developed by United Air Lines engineers. The instrument, scarcely larger than an ordinary light bulb, shows instantly the presence of static and measures its volume, providing data useful to the engineers in coping with the problem of interference from rain and snow static in the sky. It shows both plus and minus charges; a pilot

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flying between two cities on an air route may observe a plus area of static, and after passing its peak he will see the meter needle swing to the negative side. It is planned to have transport pilots report on static conditions along with their regular position and weather reports.

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**Temporary Signal
Guards School
Crossing**

Made lightweight so that it may be carried easily, a small traffic-light standard has been produced for protection of school crossings. In use, the light stands in the center of a busy intersection, its electric connections made to an underground power line. It is controlled by an automatic switch. When pupils are in classes or at home, the standard is disconnected and carried into the school building. A cover protects the underground power outlet. The lamp housing may be carried in one hand, the standard in the other after being taken apart for storage when not needed.



Temporary traffic light at school crossing

Surveyor on Roof of Truck Sights above "Heat Waves"



With instruments on top of truck, surveyors are ready for quick moves across desert and sighting is unaffected by "heat waves" near ground

Engineers surveying desert areas in the state of Washington speed up their work and attain greater accuracy by mounting their plane tables and other instruments on the roofs of their trucks. Here the apparatus is ready for immediate use, and the surveyor is high enough above the ground to escape the shimmering "hot stove" effect of heat waves along the surface on hot days. The surveying in Washington is a prelude to the development of a vast region of desert which is to be supplied with water diverted from the Grand Coulee dam.

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Up-to-Date "Papoose" Board Has Sunshade for Baby



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Soft pad, supporting laces and sunshade keep this baby comfortable in modern version of papoose board

Believing it would help his infant son to grow strong and straight, a father in Ogden, Utah, has built a "papoose board" similar to that of the early American Indians. The baby is tucked into the cradle board and laced in, protected by a soft, removable pad, so that the child's body cannot slump and there is no weight on his feet. The board is made of wood and canvas. A strong wire band projects over the baby's head with a sunshade attached, and mosquito netting is added at nap time.

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Odd Trait of Tungsten Explains Sudden Burn-Out of Lamps

Why do electric lamps suddenly burn out a moment after they are turned on? A peculiarity of tungsten, the metal used in the filament, explains. Tungsten has less resistance to the passage of electric current when cold than when it is hot. Consequently, for a fraction of a second after the switch is turned on, the filament may carry several times as much current as when

heated—as much as fourteen times the normal amperage. If the filament is already weak, the initial shock may burn it in two. Because of this characteristic of tungsten, lamps used in motion-picture work and other applications where sudden burn-outs would be costly are sometimes never completely turned off, but are turned down by rheostat, leaving the filament glowing with a dull red heat.

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Meter Tests Horn's Loudness for Traffic Safety

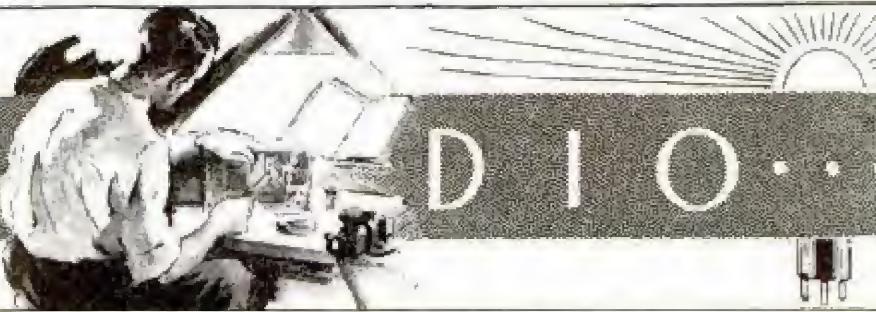
Equipped with microphone and mechanism to indicate degree of loudness, a new instrument shows whether the automobile horn is too loud or too weak. It is used by highway traffic officers and in safety-test lanes, service stations and garages. Self-contained and requiring no batteries or outside source of power, the meter measures sound levels in a frequency of 300 to 1,500 cycles per second and measures over a sound range of ninety-six to 130 decibels. The decibel is the unit employed in sound measurement. The mechanic or traffic officer holds the meter in front of the car while the horn is sounded. If the reading shows the sound is too loud or too weak for traffic safety, the horn may be adjusted to produce the tone volume desired.



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Here the mechanic is testing horn for volume by means of a handy meter

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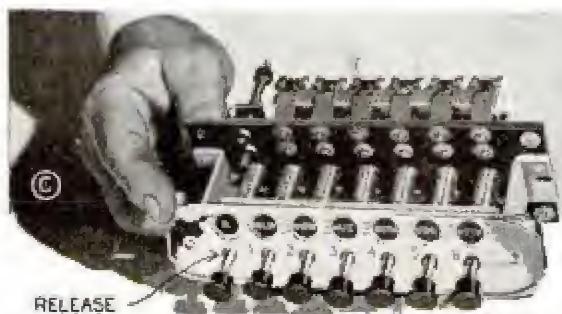
PUSH-BUTTON TUNING . . . *for Your Receiver*

WITH only three wires to connect, this push-button tuning unit brings your receiver up to date. It can be used with any radio set that employs a two or three-gang tuning condenser, and almost every receiver except the very old ones has one.

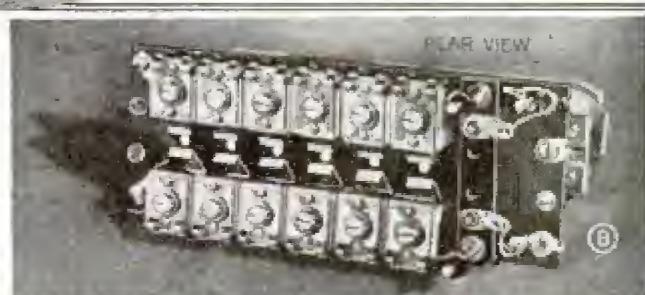
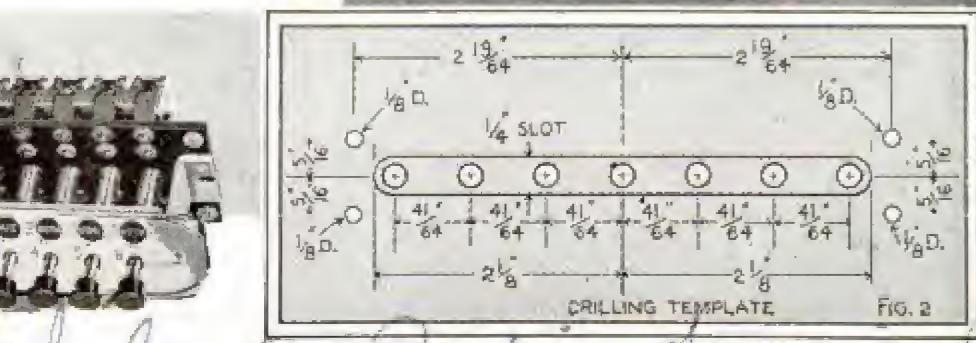
While most of the new sets provide for automatic tuning, many of us have slightly out-of-date receivers and have been looking forward to some simple means for adding the convenience of push-button tuning for favorite local stations. The unit, various views of which are shown in photos A, B and C, is available in kit form.

Anyone can assemble and install the

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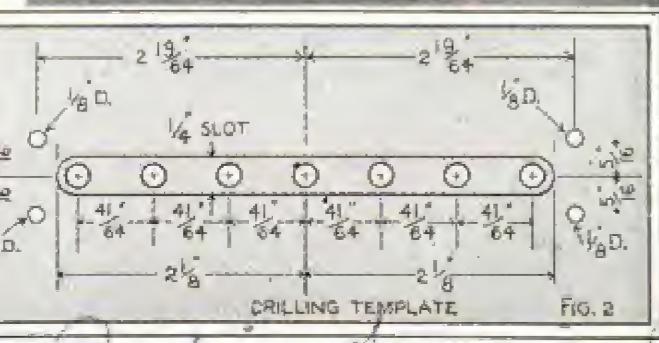


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Wholesale Radio Service
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ONE-TUBE DX

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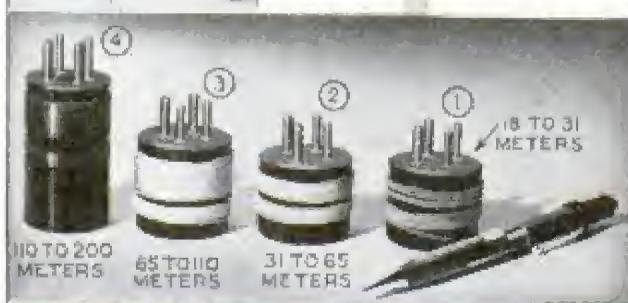


THREE small flashlight batteries operate this simple and highly efficient short-wave receiver. The outstanding features include unusually low cost, crystal-set simplicity, space-charge detector and distance-getting ability.

Beginners who built the one-tube flashlight-battery

Dear Editor: I am writing to you because I have seen your broadcast receiver, R-227, which appeared in a previous issue, have been wondering if a similar set could not be used on short waves. This set delivers the same excellent results on all short-wave bands from 18 to 200 meters.

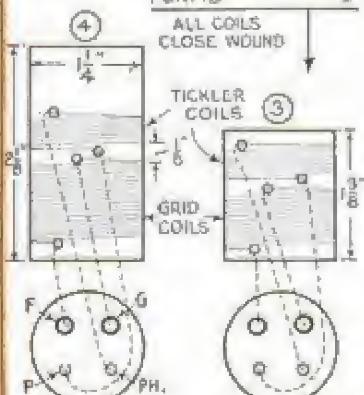
A novel "clip" arrangement for mounting the flashlight cells makes replacement easy and does away with the tedious job of soldering the batteries.



COILS 1,2 AND 3 WOUND WITH NO.26 D.C.C.;
COIL 4 WOUND WITH NO.30 ENAM. WIRE

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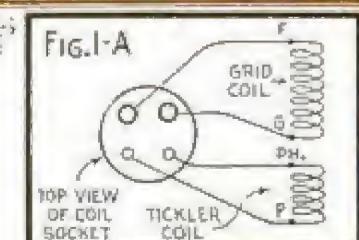
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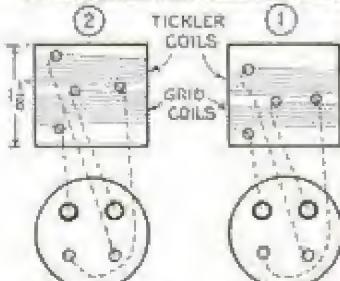
10 TO 200 METERS
TICKLER = 15 TURNS
GRID = 42 TURNS

65 TO 110 METERS
TICKLER = 9 TURNS
GRID = 20 TURNS

Fig. 1-A



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31 TO 65 METERS
TICKLER = 7 TURNS
GRID = 10 TURNS

16 TO 31 METERS
TICKLER = 6 TURNS
GRID = 5 TURNS

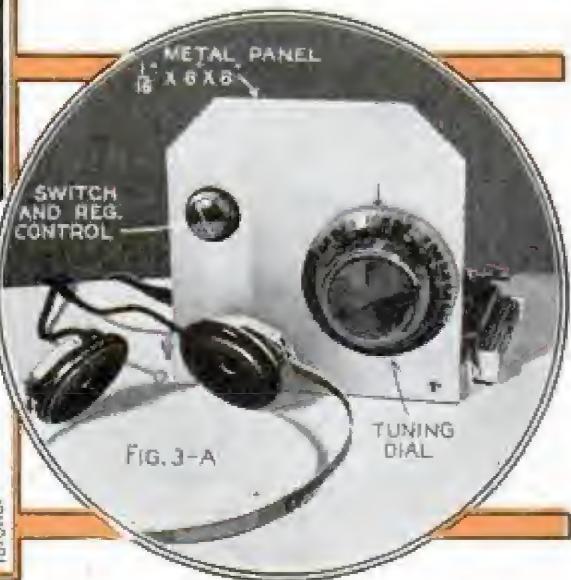


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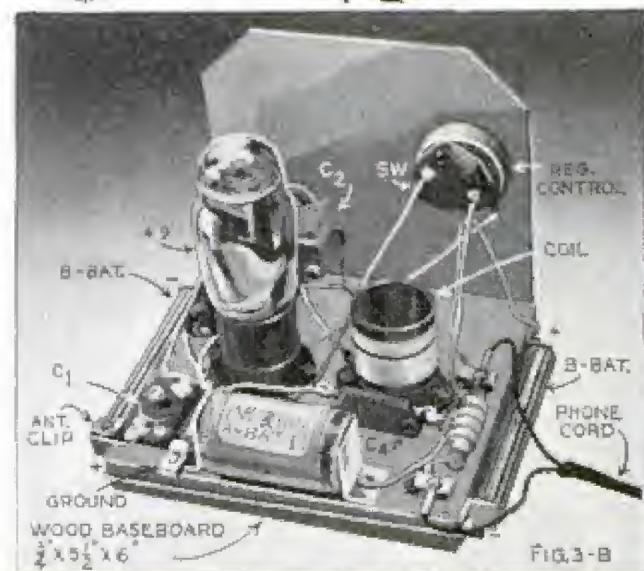
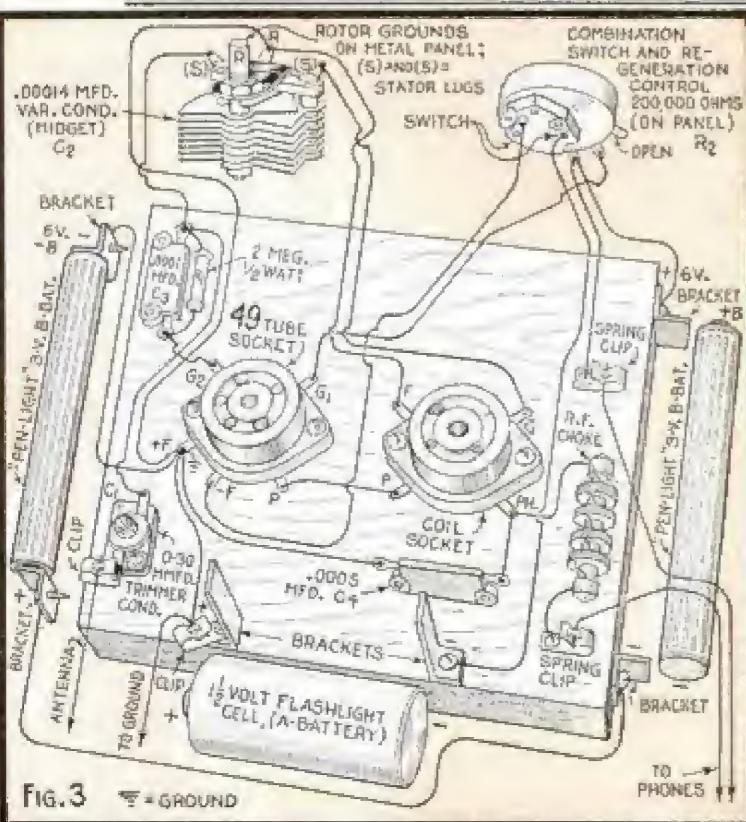
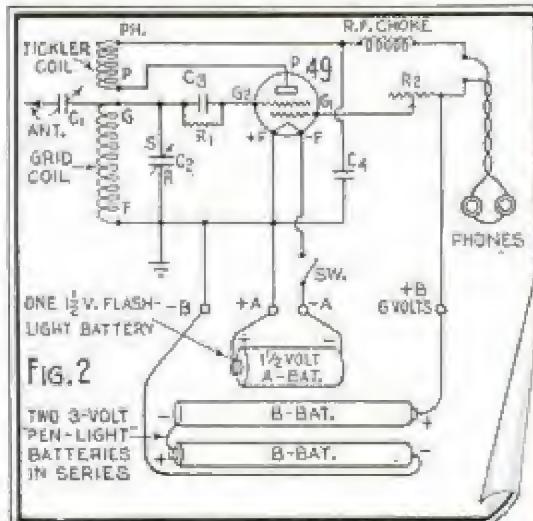
SHORT-WAVE SET

in series. Like the broadcast-band set, this receiver uses a type-49 tube in a space-charge circuit which provides surprising results with very low "B" voltage. A single flashlight battery of the type available in five and ten-cent stores lights the tube filament, and two 3-volt "pen-light" cells in series supply 6 volts of "B" battery and the necessary grid-bias voltage. The drain is so low that the "A" battery will give many hours of intermittent service and the "B" batteries should last for several months.

Four hand-wound plug-in coils are employed. These 4-prong coil forms are available from radio parts houses for ten cents each. However, old tube bases can be used for all coils except No. 4. Drill small holes, and wind all coils in the same clockwise direction as clearly shown in Fig. 1. Leads are brought down through prongs and soldered in prong ends. Coil positions, when plugged into coil socket, are illustrated in Fig. 1-A. If a coil refuses to oscillate over a portion of the dial, add a turn or two to the tickler coil.

A schematic circuit diagram appears in Fig. 2 and the simplified wiring diagram in Fig. 3. Photos Figs. 3-A, 3-B and 3-C show front and rear views of the completed receiver. The small metal panel serves to eliminate hand capacity, and is fastened to the baseboard with wood screws. No. 18 hook-up

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How to Build a Simple Decade Resistance Box

By M. N. Beitman

ONLY a few inexpensive parts are required for this simplified decade resistance test box which will find many

useful applications on the workbench of the radio experimenter and serviceman. It may be used for bridge measurements, as a temporary substitute for special values of resistance in experimental circuits, and for determining the correct value of resistance for best results.

Four double-deck, shorting-type, ten-point rotary switches of the Oak or Yaxley variety are employed. It will be noted that four individual resistors are used for each decade and these four decades provide a range of from 100 to 999,900 ohms in 100-ohm steps. The double-deck switches are mounted on a Bakelite panel $\frac{1}{8}$ by $4\frac{3}{4}$ by 7 in. One red and one black binding post; four small pointer knobs; four indicating plates marked "Off" and 1 to 9 inclusive, and a set of semi-precision carbon-type resistors of the values shown, complete the list of materials. The cabinet is about $5\frac{1}{2}$ by $5\frac{3}{4}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Diagram Fig. 1 shows double-deck switch No. 2 separated to clearly indicate the resistor ar-

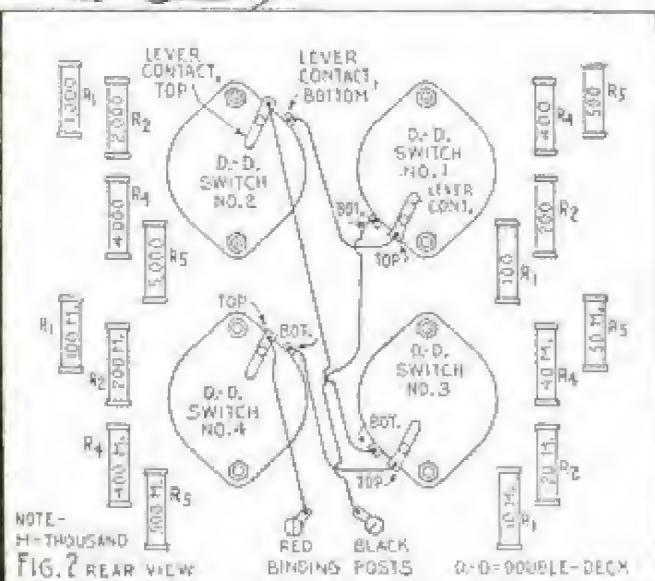
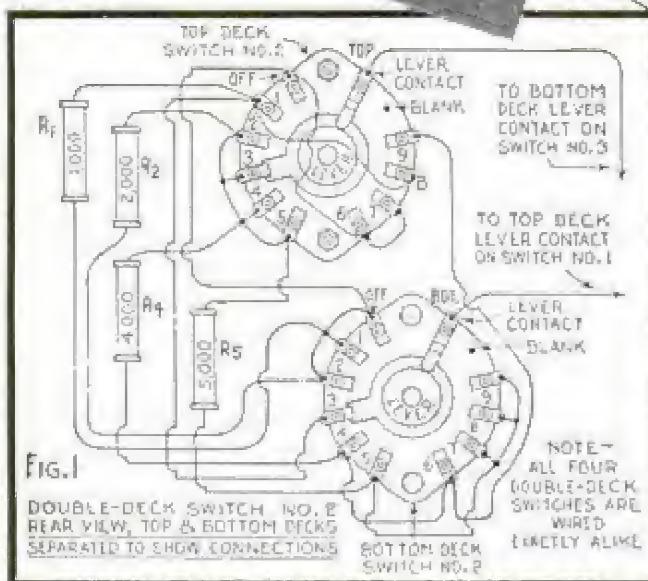


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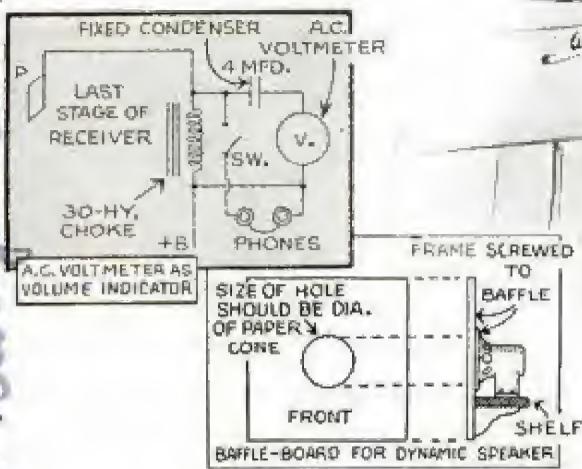
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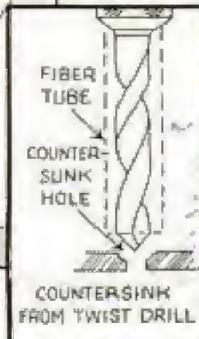
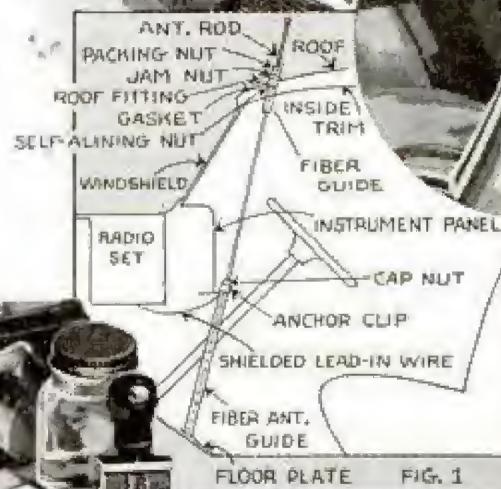
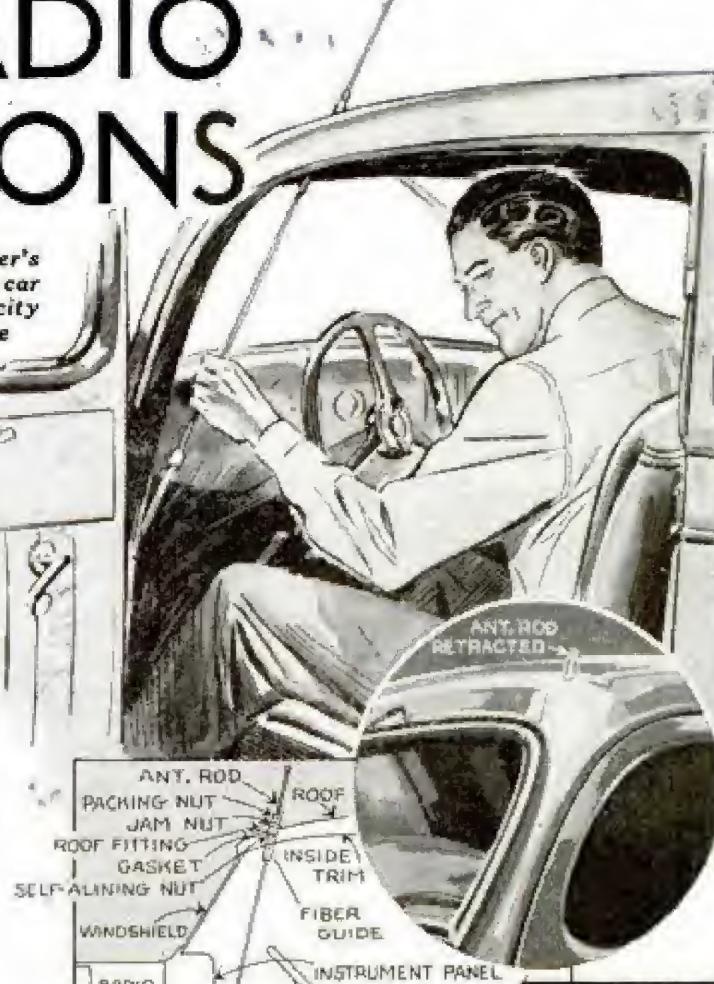
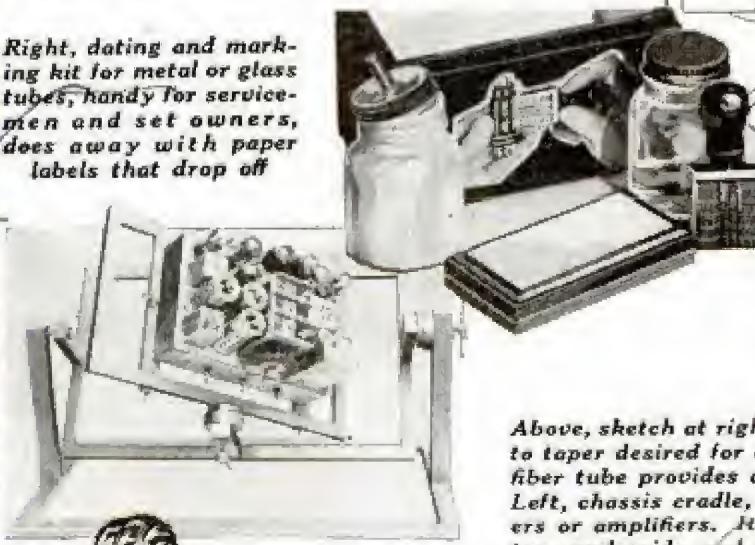
Practical RADIO SUGGESTIONS

Right, auto-radio antenna adjustable from driver's seat to any desired height, extends above top of car just the required distance for best reception in city or country; disappears entirely when not in use



Above, 0 to 5-volt, or lower reading a.c. voltmeter used as a volume indicator for testing purposes. The baffle-board suggestion for wall niche or corner installation, improves tone of small sets. Board is 1½ by 32 by 32 in.

Right, dating and marking kit for metal or glass tubes, handy for service-men and set owners, does away with paper labels that drop off



Above, installation diagram for retractable auto antenna in suggested location for easy adjustment and short lead to receiver

Above, sketch at right shows ordinary twist drill with point ground to taper desired for countersinking flat-head machine screws. The fiber tube provides a stop so that operator will not drill too deep. Left, chassis cradle, or "gimbal," for testing and repairing receivers or amplifiers. It can be set to any desired angle and permits top, underside and left or right side examination. Below, large bull's-eye pilot light for 110-volt operation in receivers or transmitters, uses regular No. S-6, 3 or 6-watt candelabra bulbs. Available in three colors which are visible only when the light is on



440 Dearborn

World Time for S.-W. Listeners



This electric clock gives GMT and standard world time for all of the twenty-four time zones around the globe, thus making it easy for amateur operators and short-wave listeners to maintain accurate schedules without referring to time charts. It operates on 110-volt, 60 cycle, a.c. line.

Radio Trouble-Shooting Guides

Handy trouble-shooting guides are now available in tabulated card form to fit the radio serviceman's pocket. Hinged for

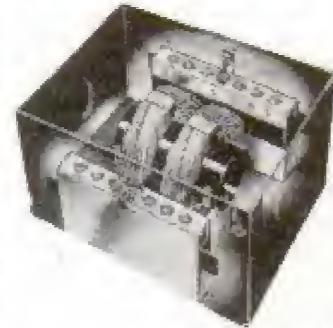


quick reference, one series is for home sets and the other for auto-radio trouble symptoms and suggested remedies.

Los Angeles Calif.

All-Purpose Power-Line Filter

It is no longer necessary to have a special filter for each individual type of electrically operated apparatus to keep interference out of power lines. This unit is said to be suitable for any filter application by simply making the correct internal connections.



Convertible Battery or A.C. Set



Operating either on a 6-volt storage battery or 110-volt a.c. line supply, this 5-tube superheterodyne receiver is designed for rural families living in areas where electric power is a possibility, but not yet an actuality. Change-over from battery to power operation is automatic.

Blueprints covering radio construction articles in past issues are available for 25 cents each; original material lists and additional information can be obtained from our Radio Department without charge upon receipt of postage.

NEXT MONTH—How to Build an A.C.-D.C. Hearing Aid. A compact and efficient portable hearing-aid unit that will operate on any 110-volt house-lighting line. Enables hard-of-hearing to join conversations, or listen to radio at ordinary volume level. Also—**Homemade Speaker Cabinet of Advanced Design**



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Photo PRINTER

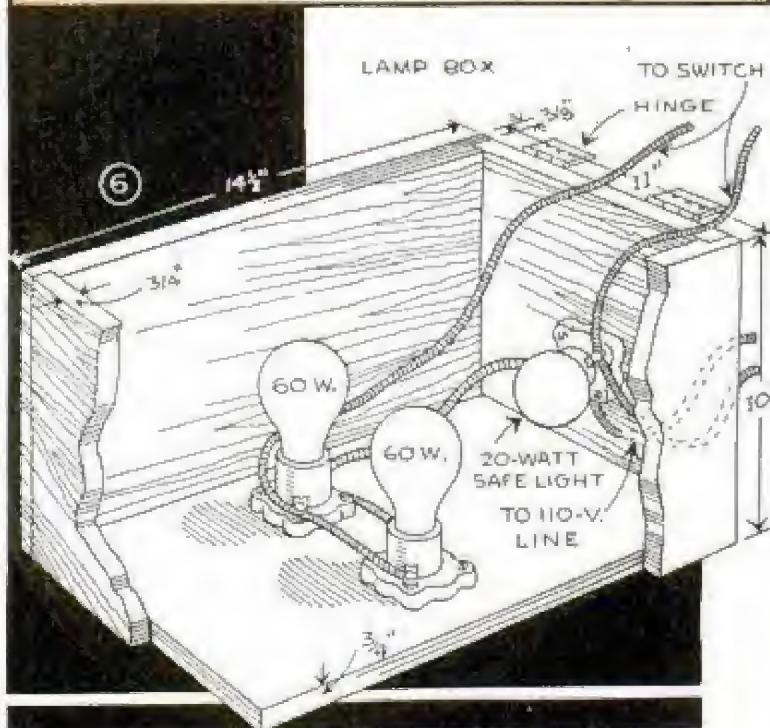
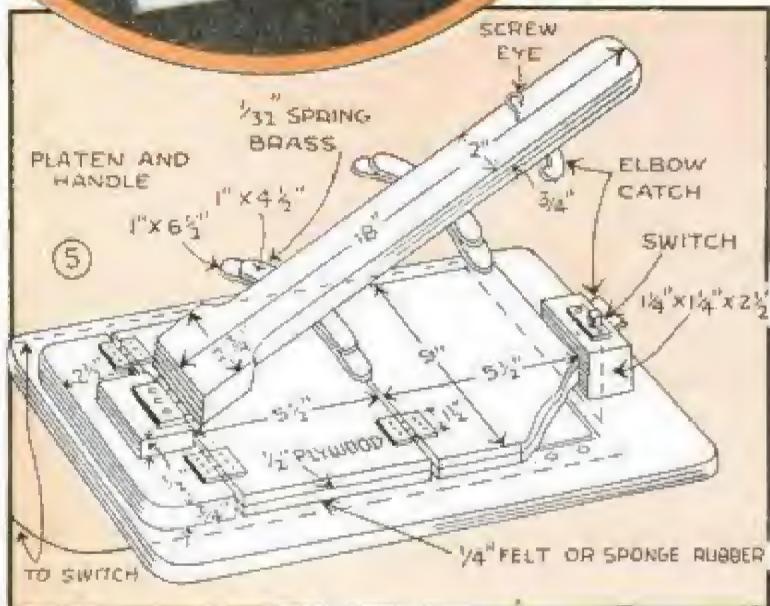
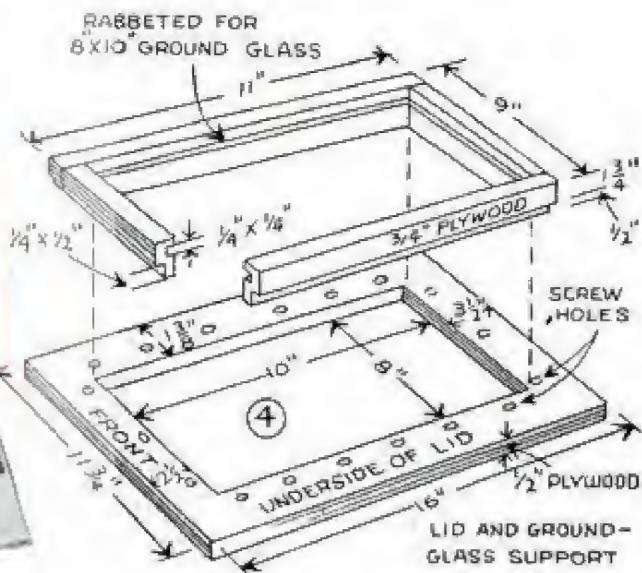
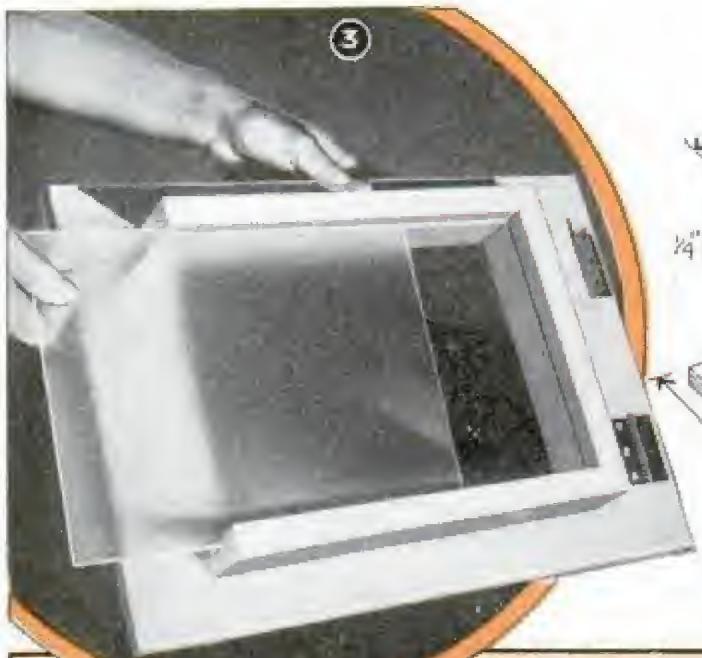
has automatic switch

By
FLOYD MIX

THIS photo printer, which is shown in Fig. 1, is constructed entirely of plywood and is especially suited to the needs of the amateur photographer. It will take negatives up to 6½ by 8½ in. in size. Construction begins with the lamp box, which is shown in Fig. 6. The various parts of the box are cut to size, and the sides are rabbeted to take the end pieces. All cuts must be made accurately so that there will be no light leaks at the joints. The sides and one end are fastened to the base, using 1¼-in. flat-head screws, after which three porcelain lamp receptacles are mounted in the approximate positions shown in Fig. 2. After the other end has been fitted in place, you can start on the lid, Fig. 5.

The lid is a single piece of ½-in. plywood, the center portion of which is removed with a scroll saw. The frame, shown in Fig. 4, serves the dual purpose of supporting an 8 by 10-in. ground glass to diffuse the light, and a piece of ¼-in. plate glass of the same size set flush with the top of the lid, to serve as a negative rest when printing. Try the frame pieces for fit, Fig. 3, then assemble and fasten them in place with No. 9, 1½-in., flat-head screws

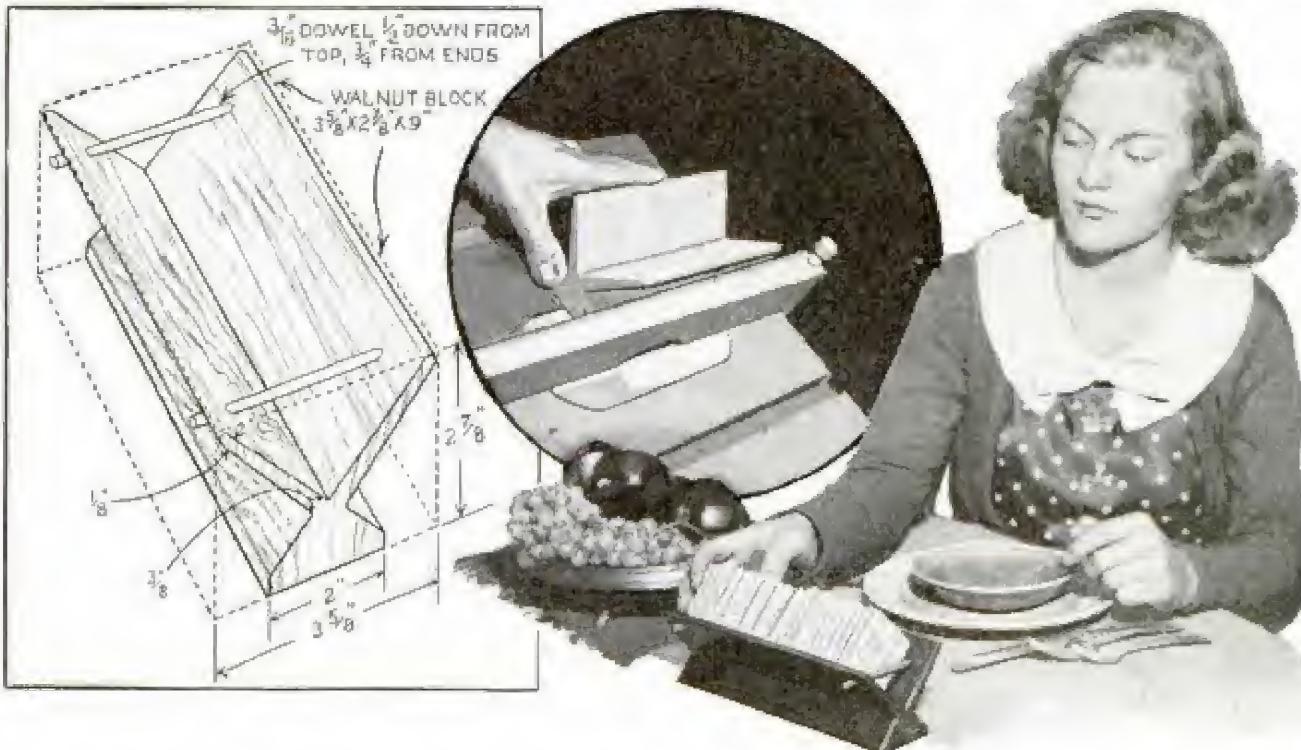




from the top side. For the platen you will need a piece of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood 9 by 11 in. Cut this in the center to form two pieces $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, and use $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. brass hinges to fasten them together. Glue resilient felt or sponge rubber $\frac{1}{4}$ in. in thickness to the underside of the platen to assure even contact of the negative and printing paper. Then, hinge the platen to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 9-in. piece at the back and proceed with the handle. Pressure bars are made of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. spring brass and are screwed to the underside of the handle. A screen-door spring fastened to screw eyes in the handle and back of the lamp box, as shown in Fig. 1, keeps the handle in a raised position when adjusting the negative and printing paper. A 6-in. length of light chain connects the platen to the handle.

The switch used is a regular make-and-break door switch altered so that two 60-watt lamps will light when the handle is depressed. An elbow catch automatically engages to hold the handle down for the required time, and the light turns off when the handle is raised. A 20-watt ruby lamp connected direct to the power line serves as a safe light. Giving the inside of the box a couple coats of white or aluminum paint, and staining the outside, completes the job.

Solid-Wood Cracker Tray Cut on Circular Saw



This solid walnut cracker tray was cut entirely on a circular saw and finished in one evening. After laying out the design on the end of a wood block, the saw table was tilted to 45° to make the V-shaped top and the sloping sides of the base. The sides of the top portion of the tray were cut at

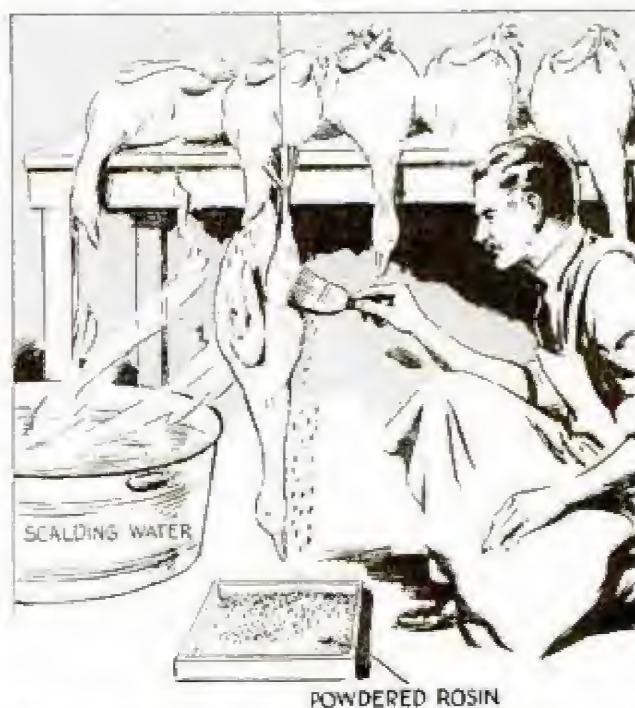
50° angles, which was done by driving short brads into the sides of the work to tilt it an extra 5° , as the saw table could be tilted only to 45° . Two maple dowels, which keep crackers from sliding out, were glued in holes. These were drilled before cutting the block.

Fowls Dusted with Rosin Are Dressed Easily When Scalded

When you have a number of fowls to dress, especially ducks or geese, try this trick, which many poultry dealers use. Hang the bird above a box of powdered rosin as shown and work the powder well into the feathers with a whisk broom. Then scald it in the usual manner. You'll find that the rosin has matted the feathers so they can be pulled out in handfuls, bringing most of the pinfeathers with them.

Paste from Condensed Milk

When you want a little paste in a hurry, just use a few drops of condensed milk, which dries quickly, and is neither messy nor lumpy. Where flour paste sours and dries out quickly in a container, one small can of milk will last for days in a cool place, and will last indefinitely if a strip of adhesive tape is placed across the two openings in the top of the can.



Pinfeathers on ducks and geese removed with feathers if latter are dusted with rosin before scalding

Cardboard in Scroll-Sawed Stack Provides New Pattern

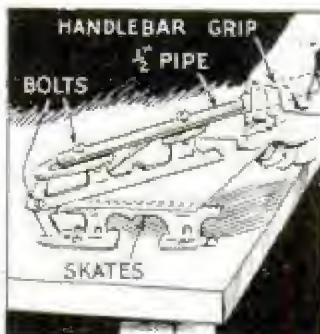


Cardboard placed between stacked work before sawing produces extra pattern without effort

Desiring to replace the original thin paper pattern of a cut-out design with a durable one of cardboard, one home craftsman cemented the thin pattern to the top of the stack and then, before nailing together in the waste, he slipped in a piece of stiff cardboard. When the cutting was completed, an accurate pattern was produced without added effort.

Sheet-Metal Shears on Bench from Old Ice Skates

Needing a pair of metal-cutting shears for light work, I rigged up one from a pair of old ice skates.



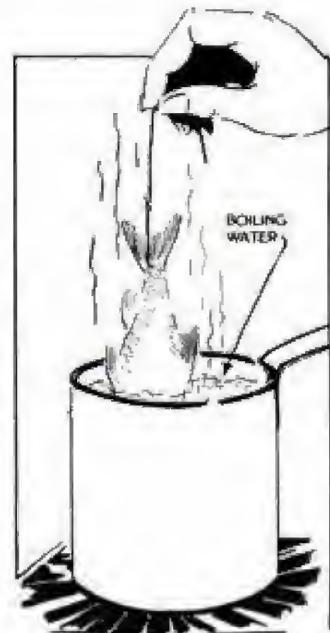
These were pivoted together with a strong bolt at the toe end of the blades, after which one of the skates was screwed to the bench top and the other was provided with a pipe handle. A bicycle handlebar grip was slipped over the end of the pipe. In assembling such a cutter, the

skates should be pivoted together so that the edges of the blades bear firmly against each other as the shears close.

—John P. La Rosa, Port Chester, N. Y.

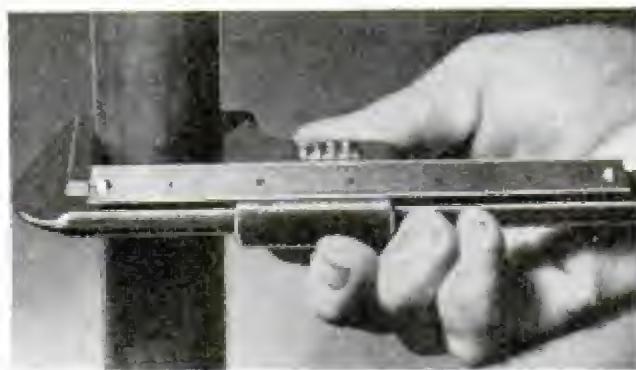
Scalded Fish Scale Easily

If you dislike to scale small fish, try this idea, which is advocated by a Wisconsin sportsman. Simply dip the fish in a kettle of scalding water for a moment, after which the scales will almost roll off under the scaling knife. If a number of small fish are to be cleaned, it's a good idea to do the scalding by suspending them from a barbless hook and line, as shown.



Steel Rule Riveted to Wrench Speeds Up Measuring Job

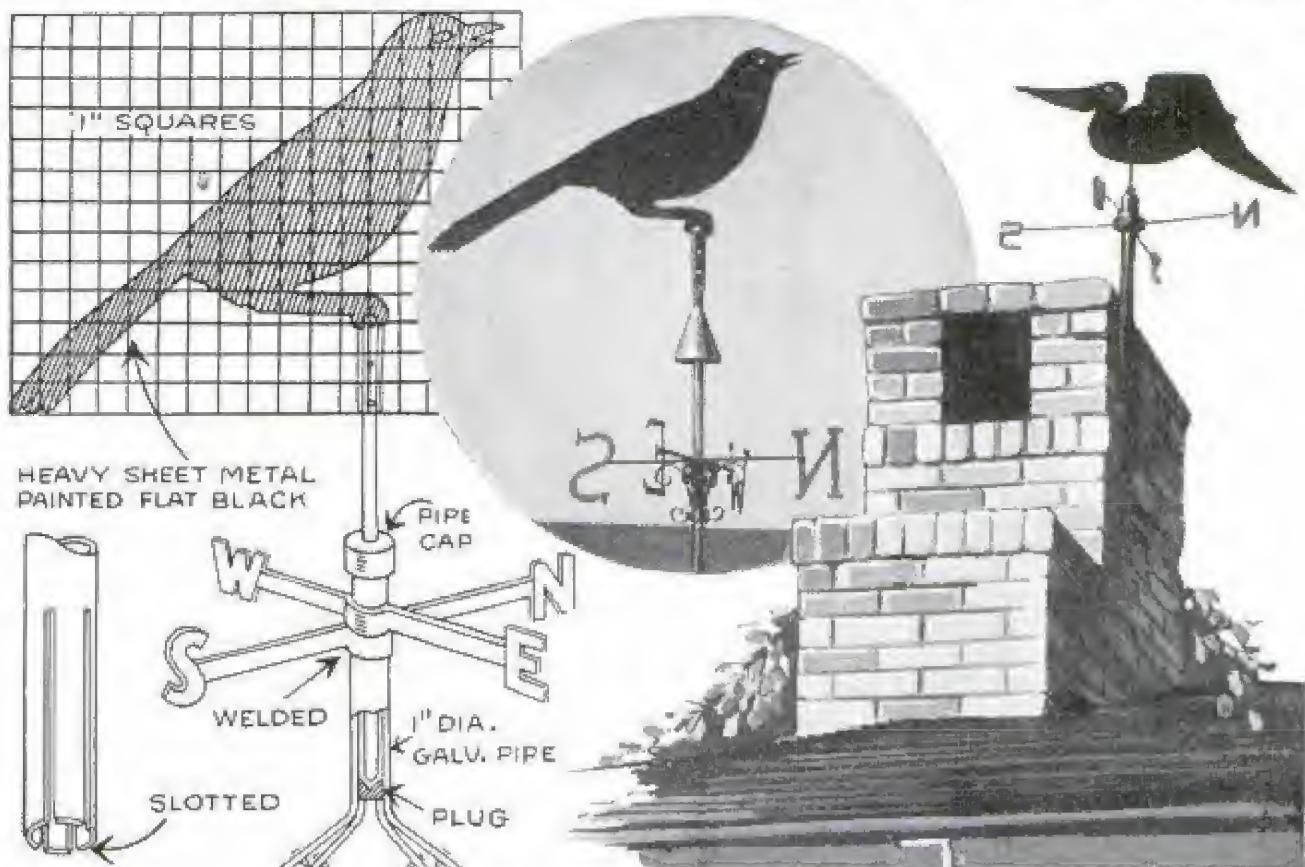
With this tool, which is made by riveting a steel rule to an adjustable wrench of the kind shown, measuring the diameter of rods or the thickness of various materials is simply a matter of closing the wrench



Scale on adjustable wrench makes it easy to measure diameter of work at a glance

over the stock and glancing at the rule. The ends of the rule should be annealed before drilling the holes for the rivets, and spacers should be used between the rule and wrench so that the movable jaw will slide freely.—A. H. Waychoff, Tempe, Ariz.

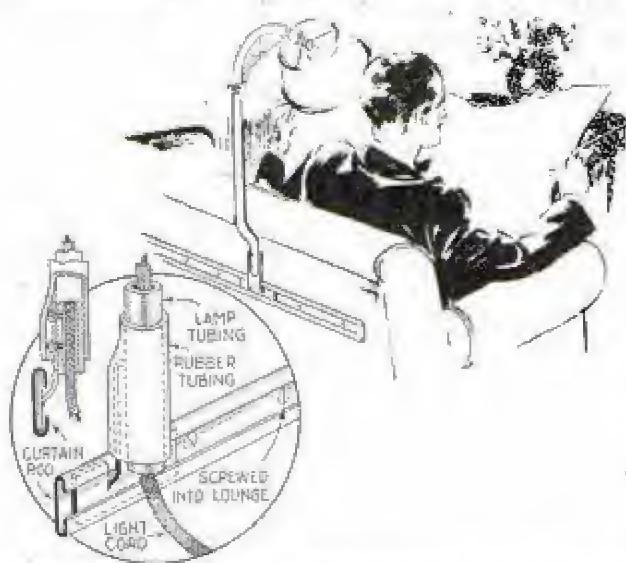
Blackbird and Pelican Point into the Wind



Those who desire appropriate garden weathervanes can devise an endless number of bird designs. Sheet metal, painted black, may be cut to produce an effective silhouette of a blackbird—or you may prefer a pelican. The silhouette is riveted in the slotted end of a $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. steel rod, which is ground to a point at the other end. The

point rests in a depression or countersink bored in an iron plug near the bottom of a pipe standard. This is slotted and the ends are bent outward to straddle the ridge pole of a building. The upper end of the pipe is fitted with a cap drilled to take the rod. Flat-iron arms, welded to the standard, support the points of the compass.

Reading Lamp for the Davenport Slides from End to End

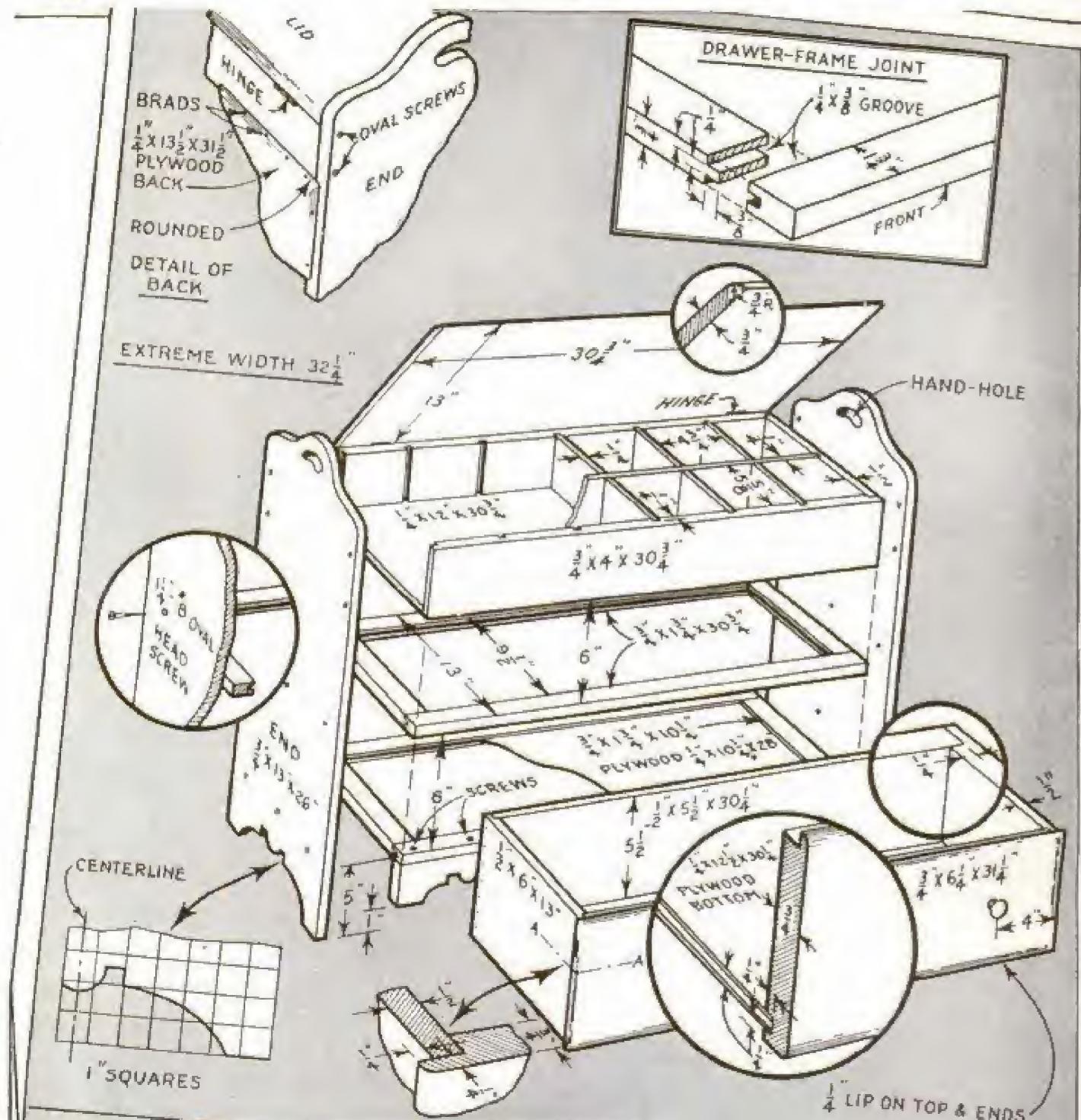


When you sit on a davenport to read, this lamp can be slid to throw the light on your paper

No matter where you sit on a davenport to read, this lamp is quickly moved to throw the light right on your paper. The lamp slides in a track, which is a piece of telescoping curtain rod screwed to the back of the davenport. The bracket that slides in the track, and to which the lamp standard or tubing is bolted, can be a regular T-brace obtainable in almost any hardware store. Or, you can make a bracket from a piece of $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. iron. After shaping the bracket, the rough edges should be smoothed so that it will slide easily.

QRub the inside surfaces of molds with salad oil before making a gelatine dessert and it will slip out easily.

Portable HOSE and



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This sturdy cabinet, which provides ample space for a dozen pairs of shoes and an equal number of hose, will also serve as a convenient seat for a dressing table. When building it, you first glue up the stock for the ends. Next, band-saw the scrolls and cut the hand holes. Then construct the tray and hinge the lid in place as shown, after which the drawer frames are glued and screwed in position.

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SHOE CABINET

DETAIL OF END

DETAIL OF HALF-LAP PARTITION JOINTS

JOINTS NAILED AND GLUED

SKIRT DETAIL
2 REQD.

DETAIL OF TRAY CONSTRUCTION

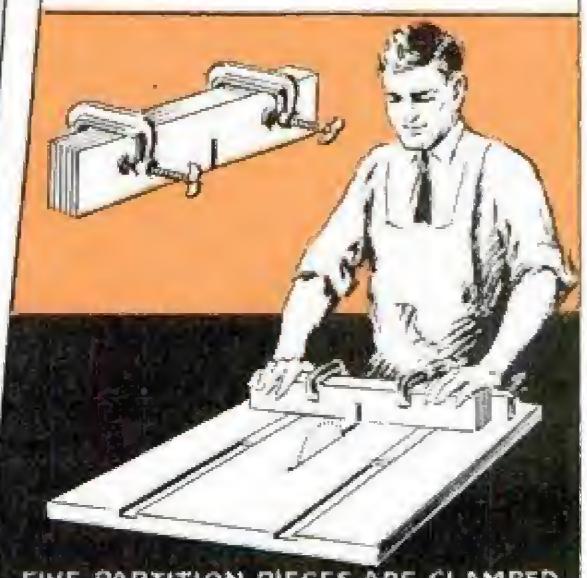
BILL OF MATERIAL

- 1 Top $\frac{3}{4}$ "x13"x30 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2 Ends $\frac{3}{4}$ "x13"x26"
- 1 Back $\frac{1}{4}$ "x13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "x31 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Plywood)
- 2 Sides of tray $\frac{3}{4}$ "x4"x30 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- 1 Tray partition $\frac{1}{4}$ "x3 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x30 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (Plywood)
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- 1 Dust bottom $\frac{1}{4}$ "x10 $\frac{1}{4}$ "x26" (Plywood)
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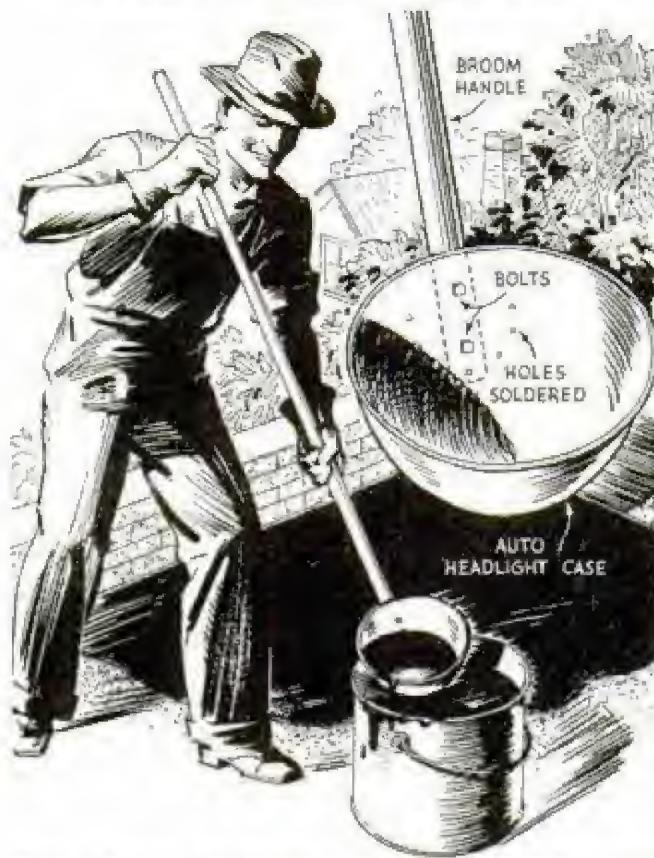
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FIVE PARTITION PIECES ARE CLAMPED TOGETHER TO SAW LAP GROOVES



Ladle to Handle Hot Roofing Tar Made from Headlight Case



Bolt a broom handle to an old auto headlight case, fill all rivet holes and you have a ladle for hot tar

Needing a ladle to dip molten roofing tar, I found that a good one could be made from the case of an old auto headlight. After removing all the fittings, the bolt and rivet holes were filled with solder, and two holes were drilled for attaching a broom handle. Headlight cases of the desired shape can be picked up for a few cents at almost any junk yard.

—R. A. Diel, Katonah, N. Y.

Rubber-Ball Stopper for Bottles of Photographic Solutions



As photographic developing solutions remove oxygen from the air and create a partial vacuum in the bottles in which they are stored, a small rubber ball attached over the

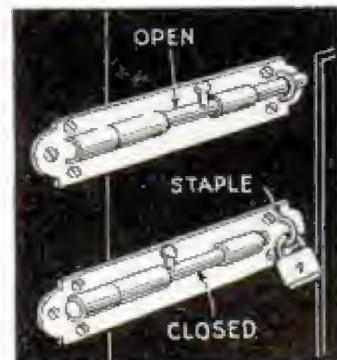
bottle mouth makes a very effective stopper. Developer can be poured out by merely slipping the rubber ball aside with

the thumb. The ball is attached with two narrow strips of tire-patching rubber, one of which is cemented around the bottle neck as indicated.

—Kenneth Murray, Sturgis, Mich.

Door Bolt Secured with Padlock

A door bolt of the type shown that has no provision for locking it can be secured with a padlock. The large part of the bolt, which is screwed to the door, is drilled near the rear end so that a staple can be driven through it into the door to take a small padlock. When the shackle of the latter is in place, the bolt cannot be slipped past it.



Pincushion on Sewing Machine Is Always at Hand

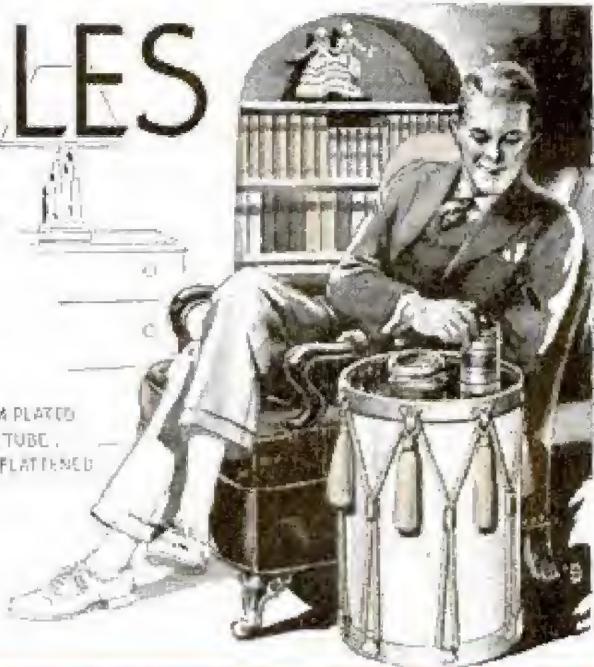
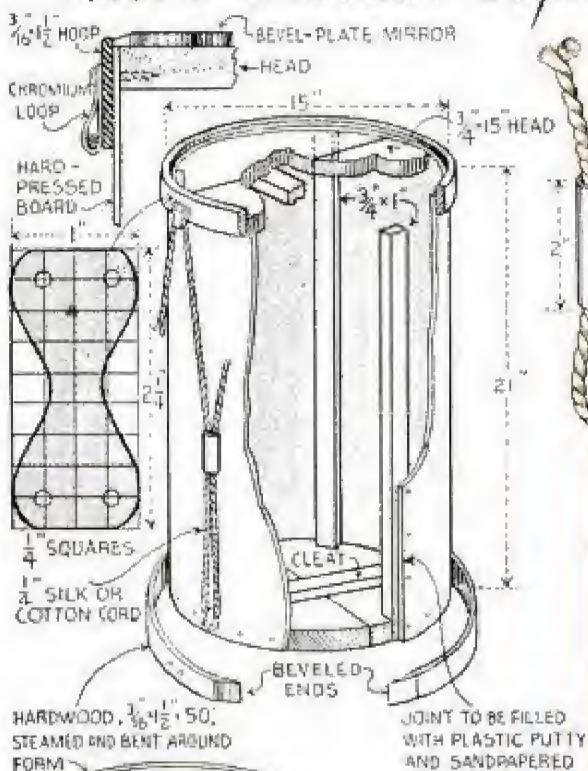
Wrapped around the head of your sewing machine and stitched in place, a piece of heavy flannel provides a handy pincushion. It is especially useful when stitching a seam which has been temporarily tacked with pins that must be removed as the seam is sewed. The pincushion also keeps a supply of needles right where you need them.

Piece of flannel wrapped around sewing machine keeps a supply of needles and pins near your work

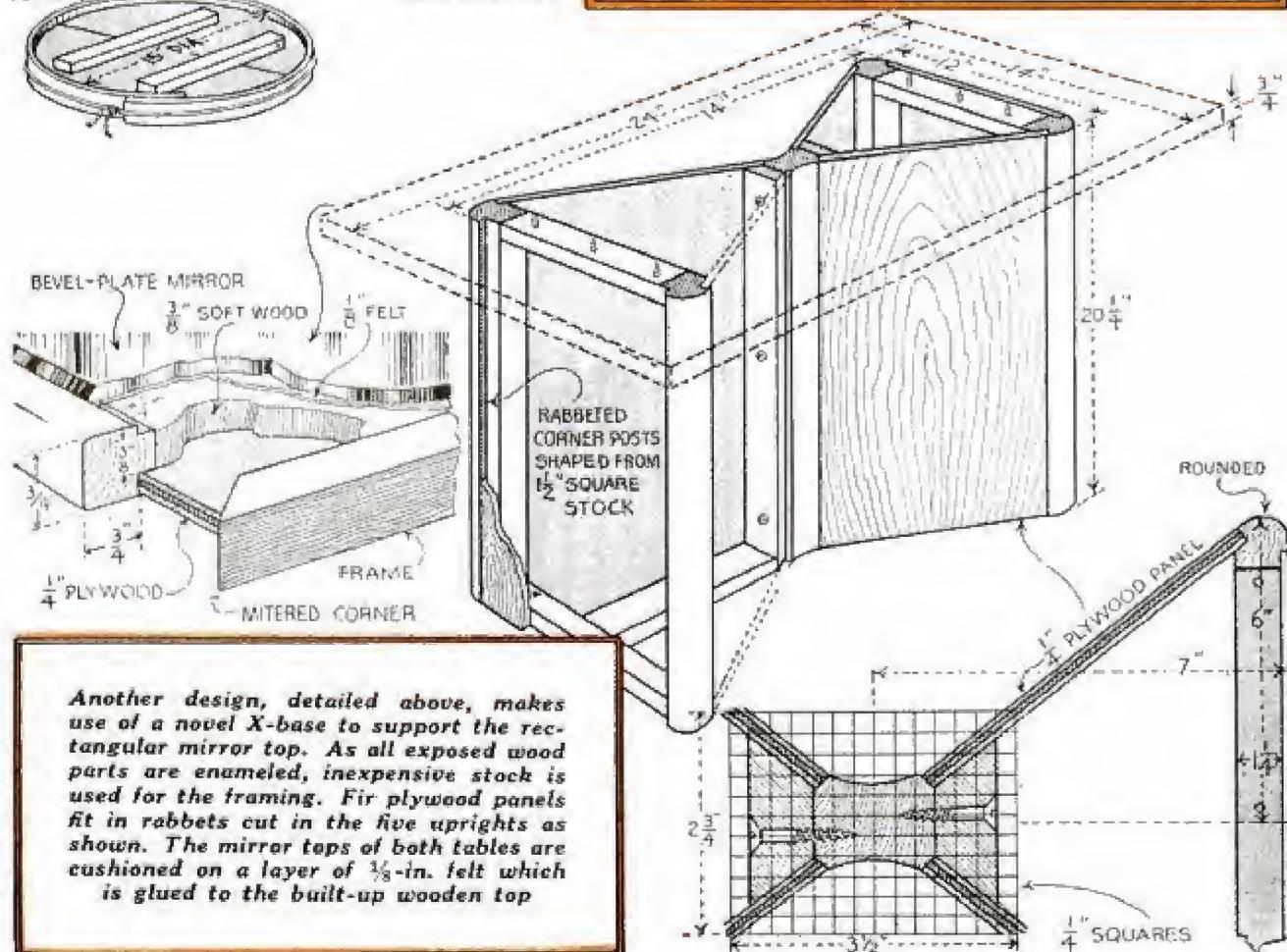


NOVELTY TABLES

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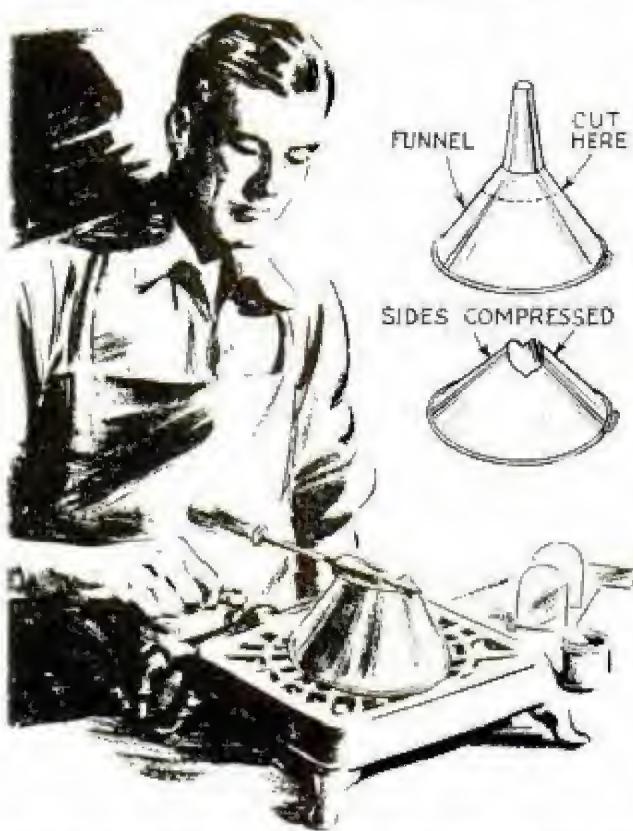


There's always room in the home for a drum table like the one shown at the left. It consists simply of a cylinder of thin, hard-pressed board bent around a circular wood frame. Top and bottom of the frame are disks cut from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock. Pine is used for all these parts, as they are concealed, the top being covered with a mirror. Metal fittings for the decorative cord are chromium-plated and the finish is lacquer or ivory enamel



Another design, detailed above, makes use of a novel X-base to support the rectangular mirror top. As all exposed wood parts are enameled, inexpensive stock is used for the framing. Fir plywood panels fit in rabbets cut in the five uprights as shown. The mirror tops of both tables are cushioned on a layer of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. felt which is glued to the built-up wooden top

Soldering Iron Heated Quickly over Gas-Stove Burner



Top of tin funnel altered to hold soldering iron over gas burner and conserve flame for quick heating

To concentrate the flame of a gas-stove burner to heat a soldering iron, you can use a tin funnel altered as shown. Cut off the neck of the funnel at the point indicated by the dotted lines in the detail to form an oval-shaped opening. Then make a couple of V-notches at the ends of the opening and compress it slightly by squeezing with the hands. This tends to give the opening the shape of the soldering-iron copper so too much heat does not leak past.

Small Trees Protected in Winter by Using Oil Drums

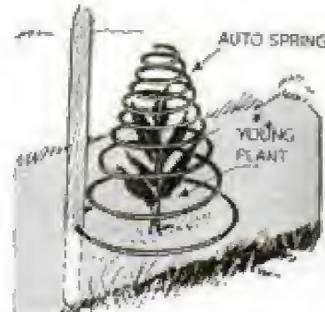


A farmer solved the problem of rabbits eating his young fruit trees by protecting the latter with oil drums. These were cut in half and openings made in the ends, after which half of a drum was set over

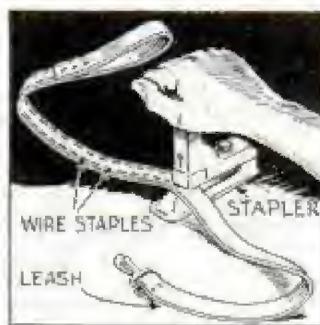
a tree as indicated. In the spring, the drums are removed, to simplify cultivating the orchard, and stored for use the next winter.—Grover Brinkman, Okawville, Ill.

Plants Are Shielded in Springs from Auto Cushion

Coil springs taken from a discarded auto cushion will serve to protect small plants in the garden from destruction by chickens or household pets. Each spring should be mounted on a sharp stake which is driven into the ground beside the plant.



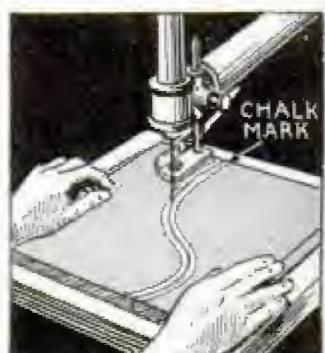
Dog Leash Covered with Staples to Discourage Chewing



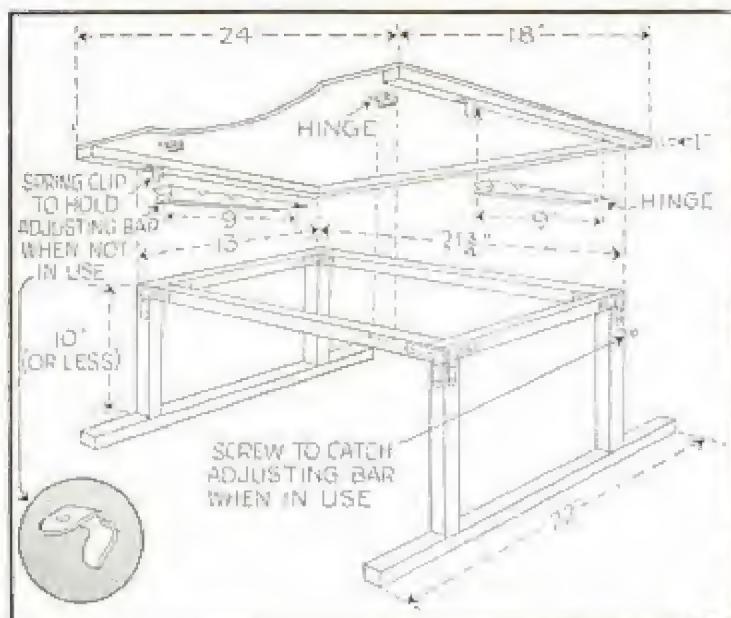
Does your dog chew his leather leash? If so, you can break him of the habit by putting a couple rows of wire staples in the leather. About $\frac{1}{8}$ in. space should be left between the staples so the leash will retain its flexibility.—Morris Katz, Aurora, Ill.

Chalk Makes Pencil Lines Visible on Scroll-Saw Projects

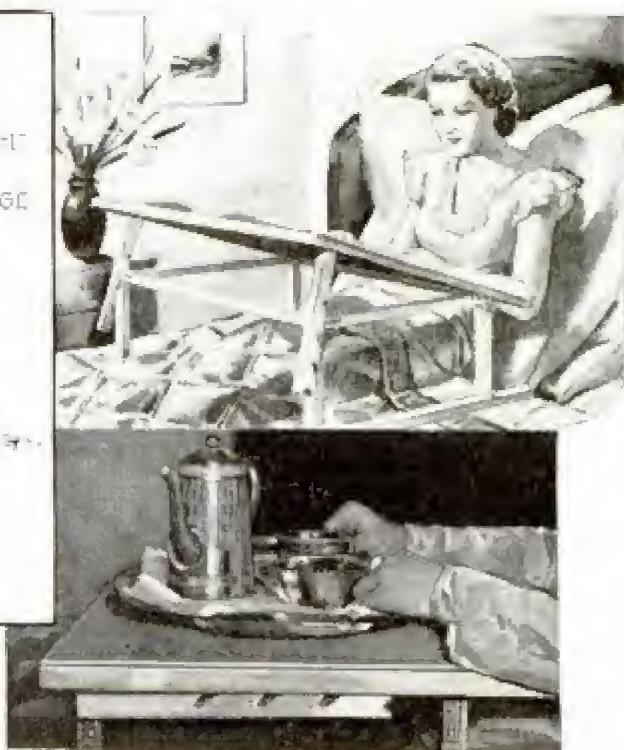
Pencil lines on dark wood used in a scroll-saw project are usually difficult to follow. One craftsman first goes over the design with a piece of white chalk flattened on the end to make a wide mark, then traces over this with a pencil in the usual way. With the white background the narrow black lines can be followed without any trouble.



Tilt-Top Bed Table Can Be Adjusted Instantly



Quickly dropped to a horizontal position to support a tray of food, or raised to various angles to serve as a reading or writing desk, this bed table is light and rigid. It rests on two horizontal strips, which prevent it from sinking into the bed clothing and make it more stable than if it were mounted on legs. A top is sawed from $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood and is hinged to a frame of 1 by $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. pine strips assembled with small angle and corner irons. Notched



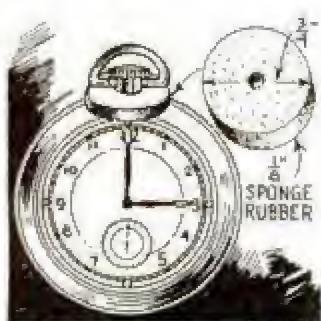
strips, to support the top at an angle, are hinged to the upper corners of the top, to engage screws, which are driven half their length into two legs. When not in use, the strips are held against the underside of the top with spring clips.

—Everett Rudloff, Oceanport, N. J.

Styptic Pencil in Handle of Safety Razor Always at Hand

If you use a safety razor of the type shown, your styptic pencil can be kept inside the hollow handle where it is always at hand when needed. With only a small portion of the pencil projecting, the razor handle will still fit in the case and the astringent can be withdrawn as consumed.

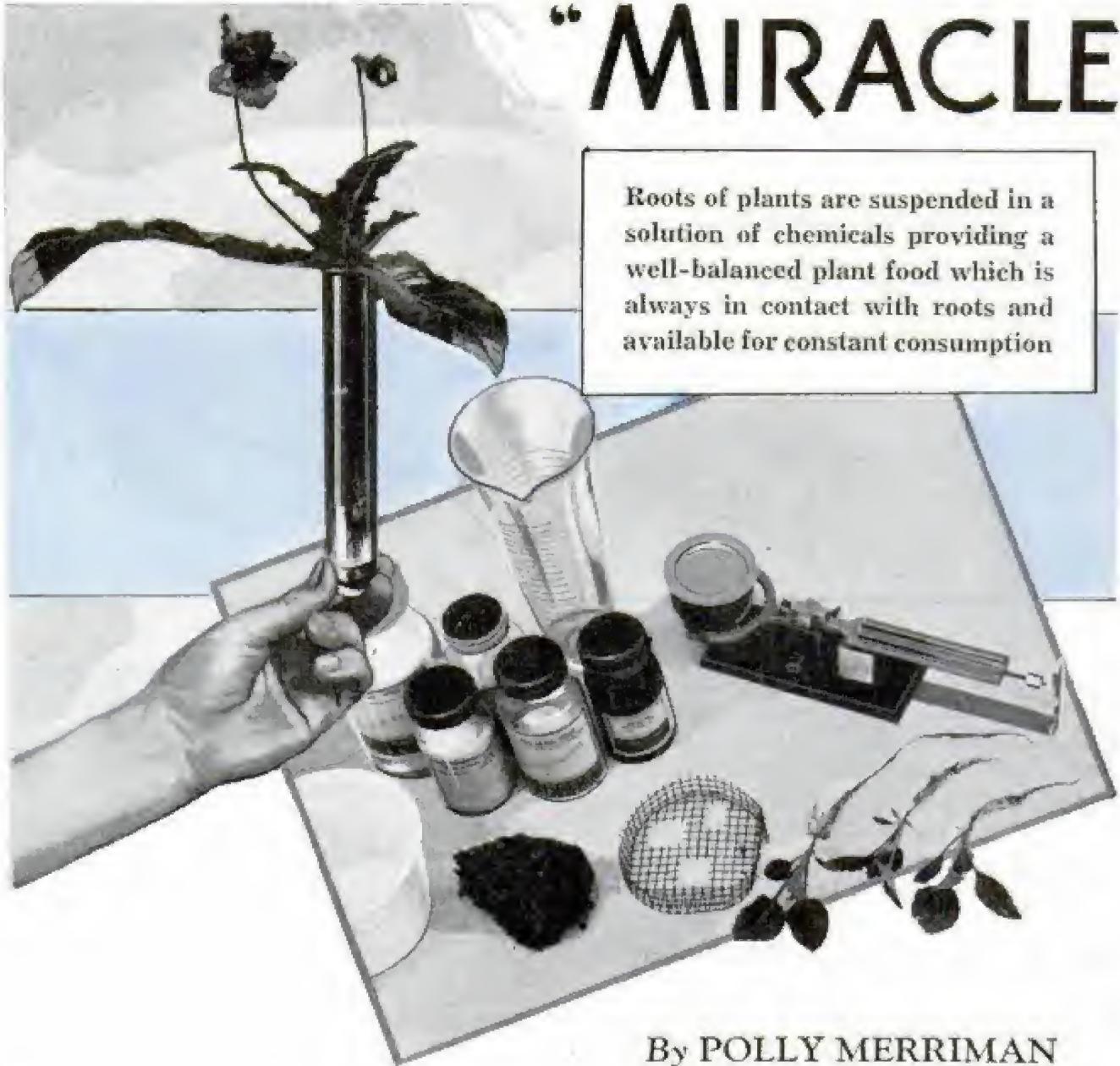
Watch Is Kept in Pocket by Rubber Disk



A disk of sponge rubber slipped over the stem of a watch will provide enough friction with the pocket to keep the watch from sliding out.—H. England, Winnipeg, Man., Can.



Knurled knob of safety razor is removed so that styptic pencil fits inside hollow handle



"MIRACLE

Roots of plants are suspended in a solution of chemicals providing a well-balanced plant food which is always in contact with roots and available for constant consumption

By POLLY MERRIMAN

PLANTS and flowers that are unusually large in size and are prolific bearers can be produced right in your own home. The process followed is known as nutrient-solution culture, and it enables plants to grow without any necessity of rooting in soil. The roots are suspended in a solution of chemicals which provide a well-balanced diet. In this way the roots absorb nutrients in better proportions than is ordinarily possible when food is being collected through a root system imbedded in soil, because all the food required for the plant is always in contact with the roots and thus available for constant consumption. Of course, the same solution applied to soil in which plants are grown will also cause them to thrive better than plants not provided with such additional nutrition.

The nutrient-culture process enables you to grow a plant in a test tube if you desire, or in any pot that will hold liquid. All you need to start such an experimental garden is some bottles of inexpensive chemicals which will cost only a few dollars; a pair of laboratory balances and a graduate for accurate measuring; some peat moss, excelsior, glazed pots and a flat of seedlings. Each pot must be fitted with a tray constructed of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. galvanized-wire mesh, placed inside the top so that the mesh will rest about 1 in. above the surface of the solution when it is added. See sectional view of the flowerpot. The roots of the plant pass through the wire mesh into the solution and the foliage will rise above the pot. Place the pots where you would place them if you were growing plants in soil.

PLANTS "grow in liquid"



(BY WEIGHT)				
A	B	C	D	E
1 GRAM	1 GRAM	1 GRAM	4 GRAMS	JUST A TRACE
CHEMICALS MIXED TOGETHER, THEN ADDED TO WATER 7 LITERS (1 LITER = 1.0567 U.S. LIQUID QT.)				
A POTASSIUM NITRATE (KNO_3)	B POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE (KH_2PO_4)	C MAGNESIUM SULPHATE ($MgSO_4$)	D CALCIUM NITRATE ($Ca(NO_3)_2$)	E FERROUS SULPHATE ($FeSO_4$)
formula for a 0.1 Per Cent Plant-food Solution				

If soil-grown pansies do well in your sun-parlor window, you can grow them there in nutrient solution. If you must grow certain plants under glass in your part of the country, you'll have to keep your nutrient-grown plants in approximately the same temperature. Sufficient humidity also should be maintained when plants are grown indoors during the winter months.

Making up the nutrient solution is very simple. Use of ordinary city water is recommended because it usually contains minute quantities of manganese, zinc, copper, boron, aluminum, lithium, nickel, cobalt, iodine and sodium which are necessary but are not required in large amounts. If rain water is used, minute quantities of

Hydrangeas above were grown in a pot arranged as shown in the cutaway view and then fed with a chemical solution given in the table at the left

these elements must be added. Carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, magnesium, calcium and iron are essential elements in plant growth and development. Of these, carbon, oxygen and hydrogen are obtained by plants from the air in the form of carbon dioxide and water. Nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulphur, magnesium, calcium and iron must be supplied in form of salts. You buy these salts from any chemical supply house and mix your own solutions, using the quantities given in the table. It is in measuring the salts that the laboratory balances and the graduate are needed.

Now fill the pots to within 1 in. of the mesh trays with the solution. Spray the roots of the seedlings to remove the soil. Then slip the roots through the mesh so that they are suspended in the solution. Cover the trays with a 1-in. layer of peat moss. Follow this with a layer of straw or similar material to keep out the light. Then place the plants where they will have the same light and temperature that soil-



In small pots, you can grow plants 40 to 50 in. in diameter. The yardstick was not long enough to measure this one.

grown plants would require. Every seven or eight days, renew the solution, gradually increasing the concentration, in a period of two or three months, from .1 per cent to .5 per cent for mature plants. Right here the opportunities for experimentation are almost limitless. Variations in quantities of each of these essential elements affect the plant's development. By slight modification here and there you can intensify color of blossom, lengthen and strengthen flower stalks, produce more foliage or more bloom. Begonias, cannas and other



flowers of a tuberous type, offer particularly promising opportunities for amateurs. You will find that, when grown in nutrient solution, they will materially increase both in size and number of flowers. Potatoes and tomatoes also flourish when grown in tanks, but experience is required before the amateur can expect as great reward from most other vegetables.

Knitting Yarn Kept from Tangling by Guide on Chair Leg

When you sit down for an evening's knitting, just run the yarn through this guide which is slipped over one of the chair legs. The guide holds the yarn at your side and keeps it from moving around and getting entangled in your clothing. To make the guide, rivet together two lengths of spring steel shaped as shown and fit them with a metal ring into a hole at the outer end. Cover the clamp with rubber tubing to avoid marring the chair leg.

When boiling eggs, wetting the shells with cold water before dropping them in the hot water, will help prevent cracking.



Two Novel Uses for "Cellophane" Ribbon



Snappy, professional-looking signs are assembled easily by cutting the necessary letters from various widths of Cellophane ribbon. First, you make the letters by cementing strips of the ribbon together, using two parallel lines drawn on a piece of cardboard as a template to get the letters of uniform size. Then use cellulose cement to attach the letters permanently to glass,

Cellophane Corp., Suite 1100, 10 E. 40th Street, New York.

Closeups Taken with Small Camera Through Reading Glass

As the bellows of many inexpensive cameras used by amateur photographers cannot be extended sufficiently to take closeup photos that cover the negative, the problem often can be solved with an ordinary magnifying glass. This is held in front of the lens as indicated and the object is focused on the ground glass. Small objects can be photographed full size or larger.

Neat Patches in Screen Door

To repair a hole in wire screen so that it will not be noticeable, first trim the hole neatly, as nearly rectangular as possible. Then cut a piece of screen wire about 1 in. larger than the hole each way. Unravel the edges for about three or four strands back. With a straightedge turn the projecting ends up to a sharp right angle. Insert them carefully through the screen, turn them down and tap them flat, using a hammer and a back support to prevent bending the screen out of shape.

—Austen Bolam, Brewster, N. Y.

wood or metal. The ribbon also makes an attractive inlay on wood. Simply turn or rout a shallow groove to take the strip snugly, then, after fitting carefully at the ends, cement in place.



Mitering Clamps Are Improvised from Angle Iron



Clamps made from angle iron hold mitered corners in alignment for nailing and gluing

Clamps to hold mitered frames while nailing or gluing them are improvised easily from short pieces of angle iron. They are drilled as indicated to take L-hooks, which are threaded for wing nuts. In use, an angle is set in each corner of the frame, the hooks slipped over the outer edge of the work and the nuts tightened to pull the pieces snugly together at the corner.

Using Pinhole Disk in Camera to Improve Photos



By punching a pinhole in the center of a thin brass disk and inserting it behind the front lens element of a camera, the pinhole takes the place of the shutter iris. The result is pictures having microscopic sharpness, remarkable depth of focus and great detail. Punch the hole with a medium-size needle and finish with a file or emery cloth. Paint both sides of the disk a dead black. As the pinhole is

considerably smaller than the smallest opening ordinarily provided by the shutter iris, a tripod will have to be used and the exposure will have to be prolonged.

Guards on Drawing-Knife Handle Protect Your Knuckles

When using a drawing knife, there is little danger of cutting the knuckles on the sharp edge of the knife if these metal guards are provided. Each guard consists of a piece of thin metal clamped to the upper end of the grip and screwed or soldered to the lower end.



Sandpaper to Point Artist's Pencil Fastened Inside Sketch Book



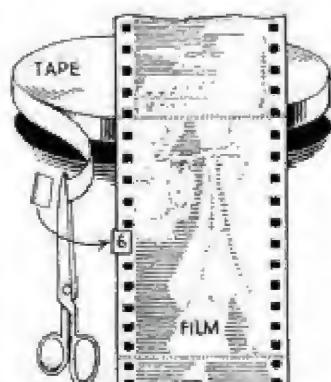
To assure that a piece of sandpaper would always be at hand for pointing his pencils, one artist fastened it inside the cover of his sketch book with gummed reinforcements.

When the paper is worn or dirty, it's a simple matter to substitute a new piece.

—Thomas Rimac, Chicago.

Film Marking Made Easy

Marking roll films for printing can be accomplished easily by using small tabs of cellulose tape folded over the edge as indicated. Be careful that the end of the tape does not extend onto the exposed part of the film. Film thus marked can be "read" instantly in the darkroom. This



method is much handier than going back and forth to a lighted area to check a list of exposure numbers for a printing order—and is much faster. It is better, too, than nicking or cutting film edges, as the film thus treated is permanently marred and may become scratched or torn.

—Don W. Sigler, Lincoln, Nebr.

Mucilage for Unused Stamp Taken from Envelope



When you transfer an uncanceled postage stamp from one envelope to another, and there is no mucilage at hand, just moisten the flap of the envelope and rub the stamp over it. Enough of the mucilage will adhere to the stamp to make it stick.

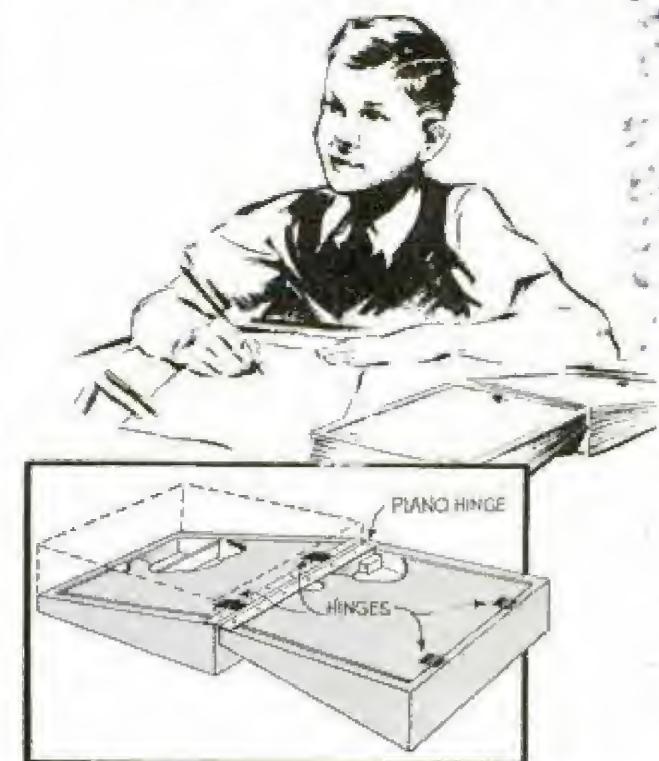
Snow Cleared from Skating Pond by Old Truck Wheel

If your favorite skating pond is covered with snow a few inches deep, paths can be cleared easily with an old truck wheel and rim. A pipe handle can be fastened in the hub to push it over the ice, or you can pull it with a rope. If there is only a rim at hand, it can be weighted and the rope fastened into the valve-stem hole with wire.



Paths can be cleared for skating by pushing truck wheel over snow-covered ice

Student's Portable Study Case Holds Writing Materials



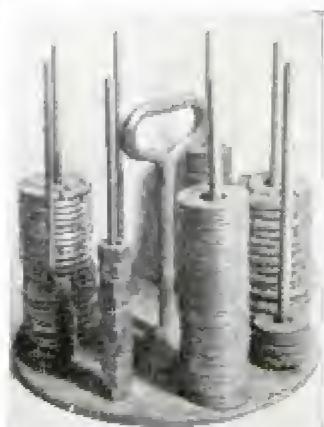
This box keeps your writing materials together, and can be taken any place you want to use it

Here's a handy case for the student who likes to do his home work in different places. It holds pencils, paper and other writing materials, and even serves as a writing desk in an emergency. Made of plywood, it consists of two parts hinged together as indicated and, when opened, two hinged covers provide writing surfaces. The covers can be raised for access to the compartments inside which can be partitioned as desired.

—M. B. Birge, Hinsdale, Ill.

Holder for Nuts and Washers Permits Rapid Selection

Made by soldering lengths of iron rod to a metal disk, this holder keeps spare nuts and washers assorted as to size and type. It is especially handy for the mechanic who must carry extra washers and nuts to different jobs.



Caddy halls, chrome, chrome
movement - Number C.
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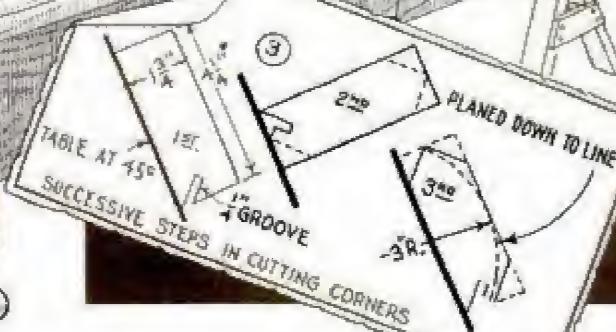
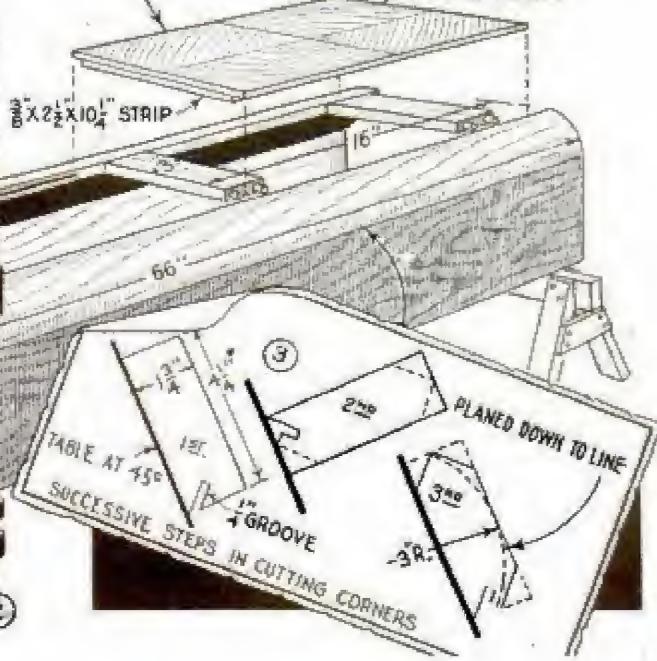
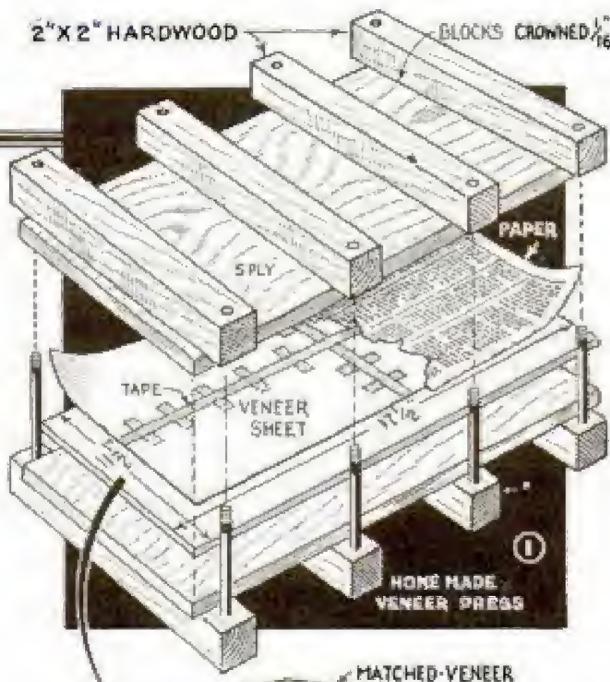


By WAYNE C. LECKEY

M ADE further useful when fitted with a shelf for books or a small radio, the stately grandfather clock lends itself well to other modern adaptations of finish and fittings. Gleaming metal and bone-white color combinations effect a pleasing new harmony which goes well with almost any modern home furnishings. You can follow any of these designs easily and inexpensively right in your home workshop, using plywood for the greater part of the construction.

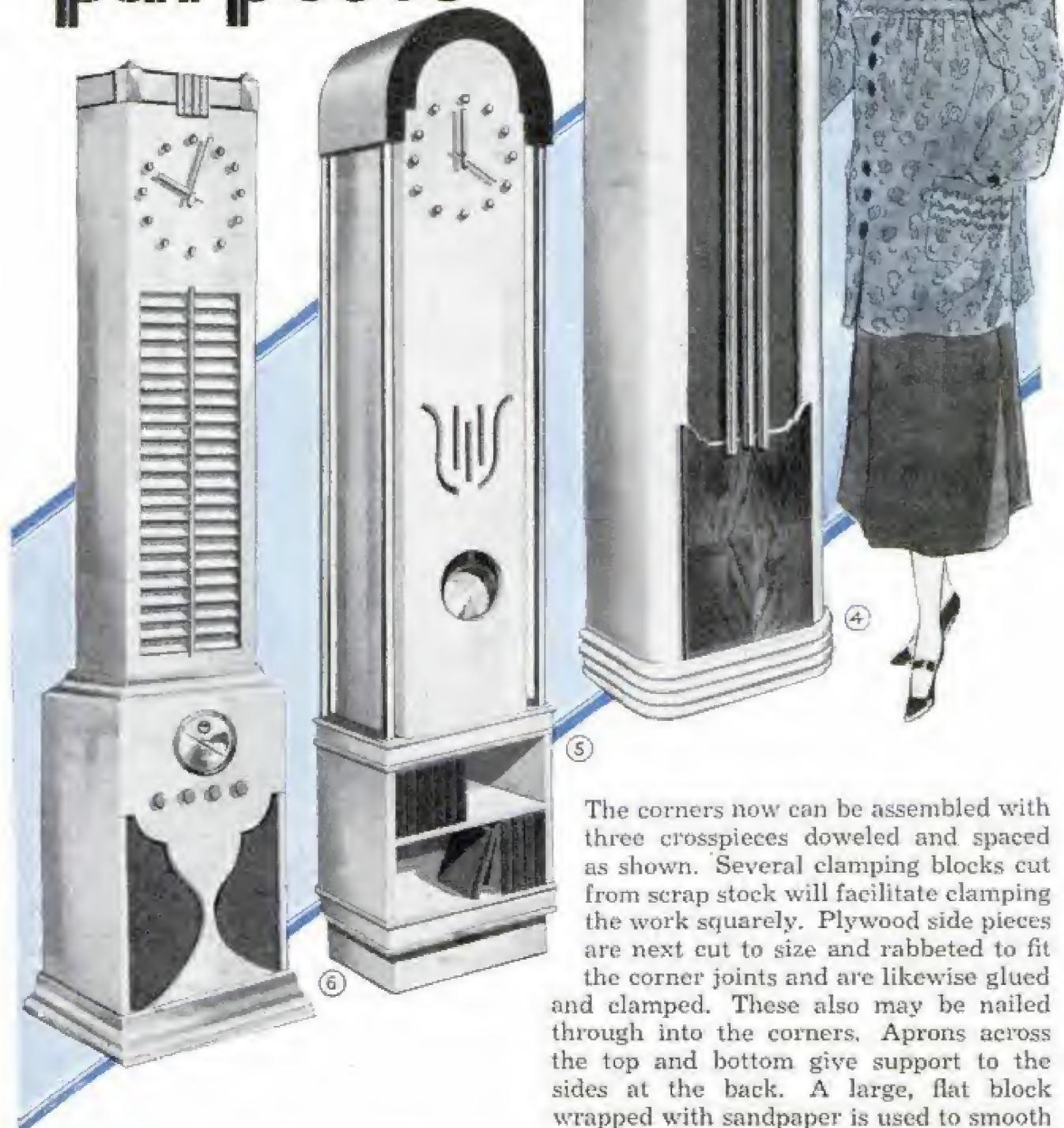
To make the clock shown in Fig. 4, your first step is to form the rounded corners of the case as in Figs. 2 and 3. These are cut from flat stock with the saw table set at

45° as detailed in Fig. 3. A 3-in. radius is then marked on each end of the stock and a hand plane is used to shape the work roughly down to line. You can speed up this job considerably by first removing most of the waste stock on the jointer. Running part way up the front of each corner piece, a rabbet is cut



CLOCKS

serve dual purposes



in the edge $\frac{3}{8}$ in. in from the face as shown in the second operation, Fig. 3. These rabbets are later used when stretching the radio cloth across the front of the case.

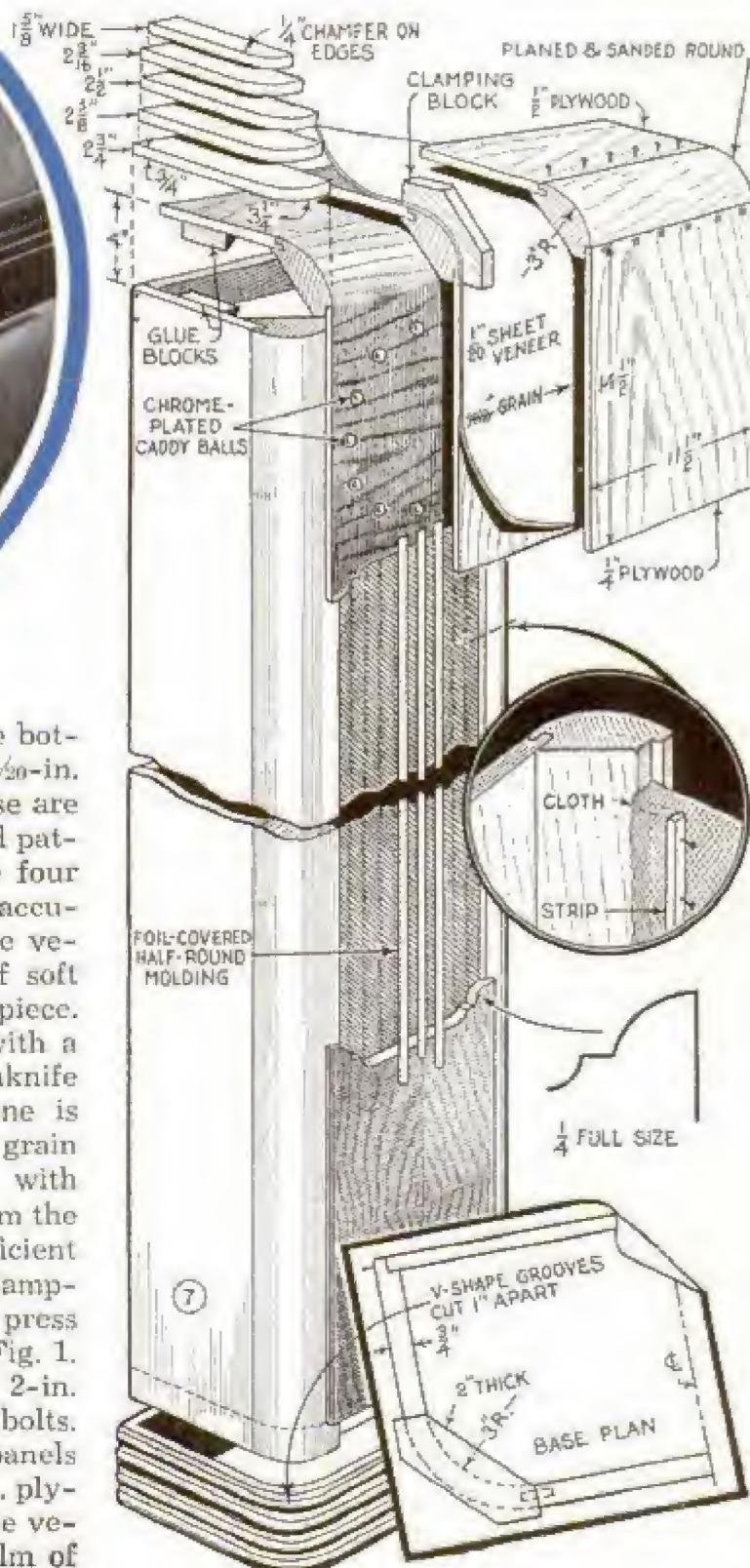
The corners now can be assembled with three crosspieces doweled and spaced as shown. Several clamping blocks cut from scrap stock will facilitate clamping the work squarely. Plywood side pieces are next cut to size and rabbeted to fit the corner joints and are likewise glued and clamped. These also may be nailed through into the corners. Aprons across the top and bottom give support to the sides at the back. A large, flat block wrapped with sandpaper is used to smooth the corners down flush with the sides and any openings should be well filled with a crack filler to give a smoothly rounded corner.

To match-veneer the panel which is



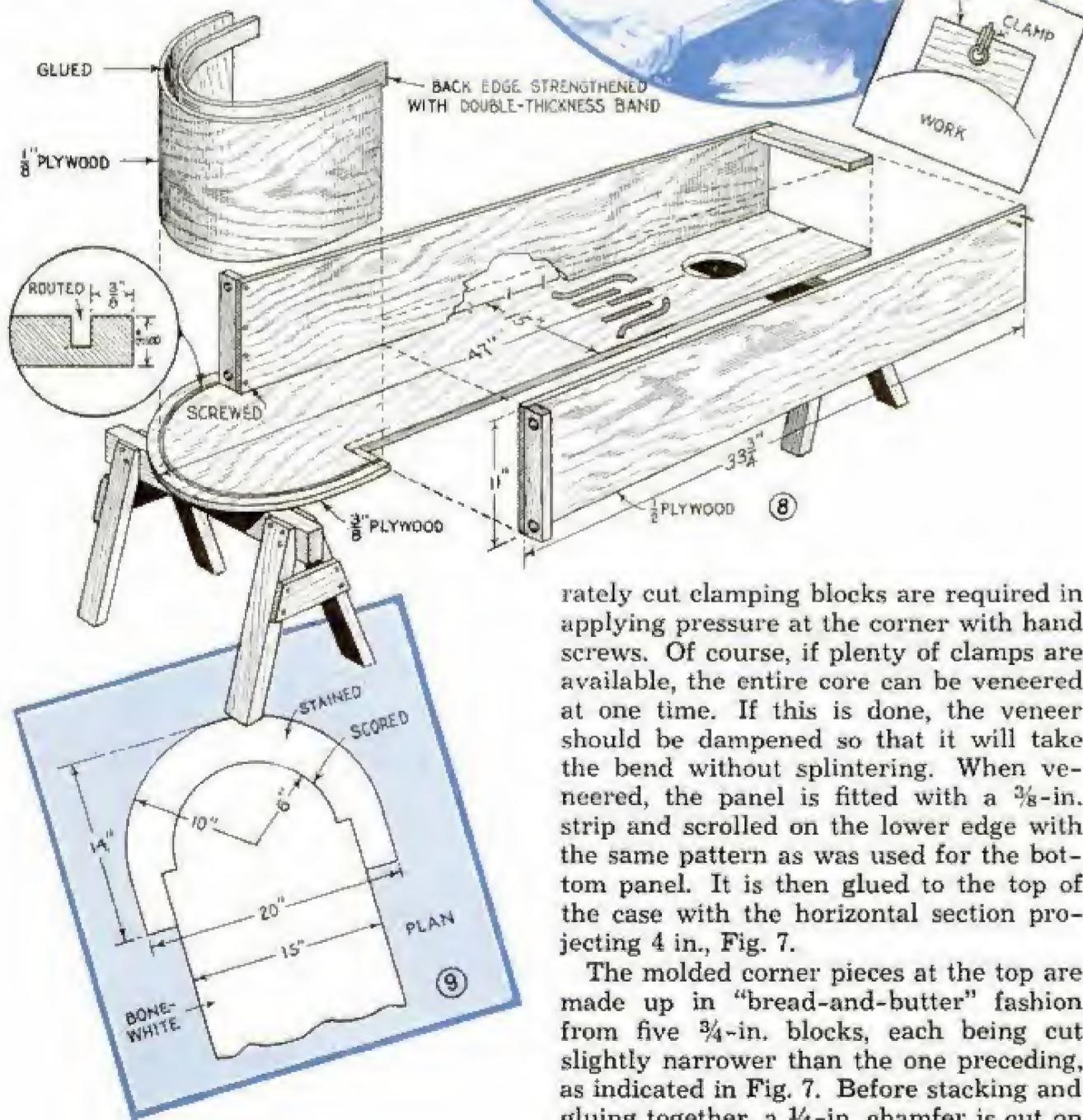
glued to the front of the case at the bottom, use four selected pieces of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. walnut burl or crotch veneer. These are arranged to form a diamond-shaped pattern by matching the grain of the four pieces. Trimming the thin stock accurately is best done by clamping the veneer sheet between two lengths of soft stock and planing straight as one piece. Cutting across the grain is done with a metal straightedge and a sharp penknife or a veneer trimming knife, if one is available. Pieces of corresponding grain are then cross-banded together with short lengths of gummed tape to form the pattern. In case you lack a sufficient number of hand screws to apply clamping pressure, a simple, homemade press can be made quickly as shown in Fig. 1. This consists of a number of 2 by 2-in. hardwood strips fitted with short bolts. The work is placed between two panels of heavy, flat stock. A piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood serves as the core to which the veneer is glued. Spread a uniform film of

glue over the panel and when very tacky, center the veneer sheet, taped side up, and place it in the press as in Fig. 1. A piece of wax paper or newspaper should be placed on top of the veneer before applying pressure. Allow the work to remain clamped for at least 24 hrs. When dry, trim the edges of the panel square, and across the back, at the top, glue a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. strip to form a rabbet edge as in Fig. 2.



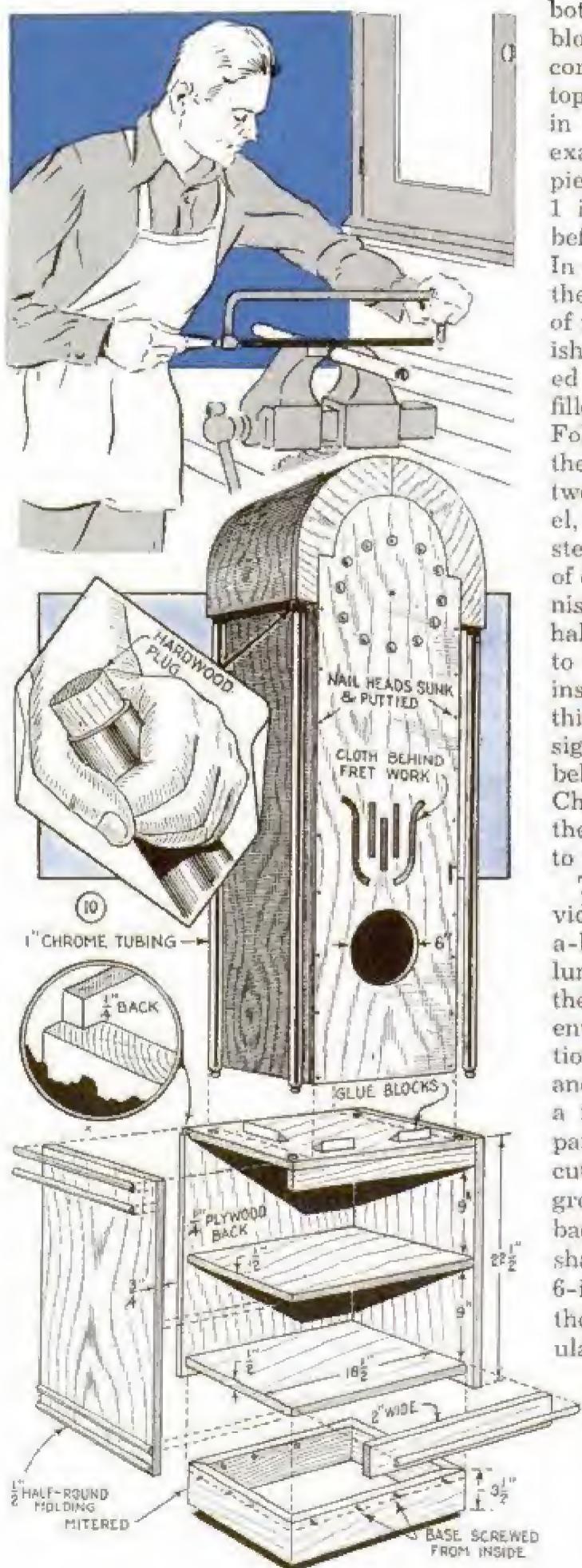
After jigsawing the scrolled edge, Fig. 7, the panel is glued and clamped to the face of the case 2 in. up from the bottom.

Veneering the curved top panel is done in much the same way as just described. A core of plywood and solid stock is first built up as shown at Fig. 7. The rounded corner, to which $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. plywood is glued and screwed, is cut in the same manner as described for the rounded corners of the case. Veneering this will be found a little more difficult, but if the veneer is applied in stages good results will be obtained. Accu-



rately cut clamping blocks are required in applying pressure at the corner with hand screws. Of course, if plenty of clamps are available, the entire core can be veneered at one time. If this is done, the veneer should be dampened so that it will take the bend without splintering. When veneered, the panel is fitted with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. strip and scrolled on the lower edge with the same pattern as was used for the bottom panel. It is then glued to the top of the case with the horizontal section projecting 4 in., Fig. 7.

The molded corner pieces at the top are made up in "bread-and-butter" fashion from five $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. blocks, each being cut slightly narrower than the one preceding, as indicated in Fig. 7. Before stacking and gluing together, a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. chamfer is cut on

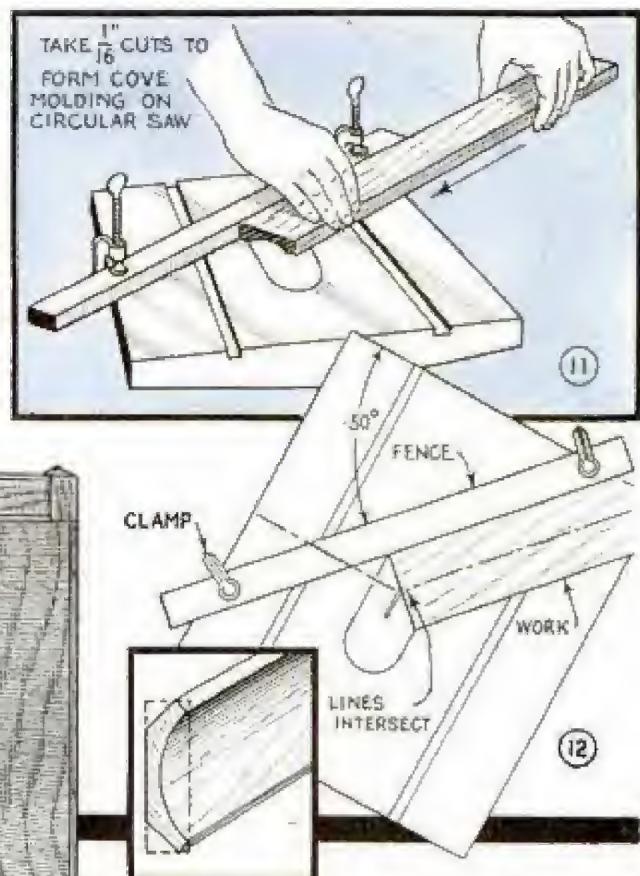
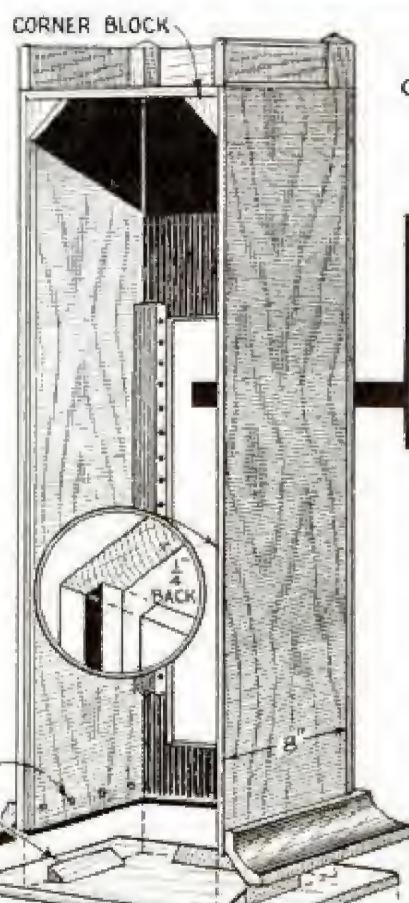
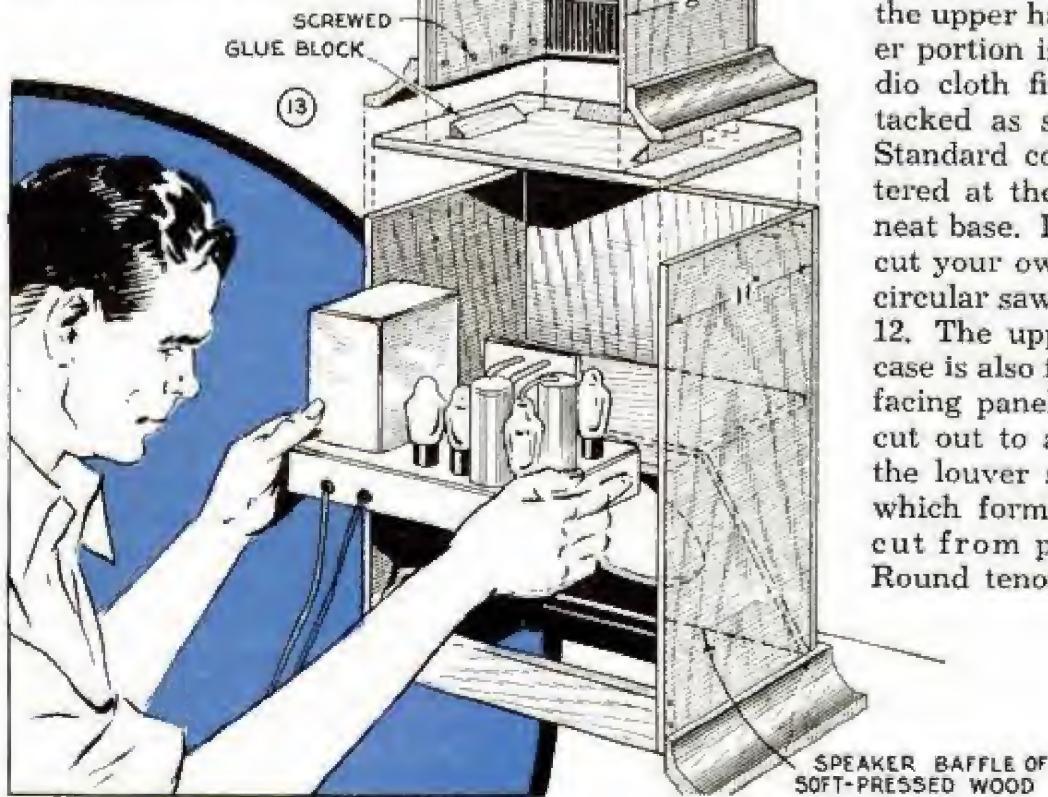


both edges of each piece. Triangular glue blocks fitted to the inside help hold the corner pieces in place at each side of the top. The curved base is formed with set-in corners bandsawed to conform to the exact contour of the corresponding corner pieces of the case. Three V cuts, spaced 1 in. apart, are run around the surface before attaching to the case with screws. In shaping, the work is held on edge with the spindle collar bearing against the face of the work. At this point it is well to finish the clock. The entire job is first sanded down to a smooth finish, with paste filler being added to the veneered surfaces. Following this, an undercoat is applied to the surfaces to be painted and over this two coats of semi-gloss, bone-white enamel, rubbing down between coats with fine steel wool. The stained surfaces should, of course, be shellacked and waxed or varnished. After finishing, three strips of half-round silver-foil molding are attached to the center of the opening with screws inserted from the back. You can purchase this foil-covered molding from your local sign maker. Radio cloth is then stretched behind the moldings as shown in Fig. 7. Chromium-plated caddy balls which form the clock dial are screwed in a 9-in. circle to the face of the top panel.

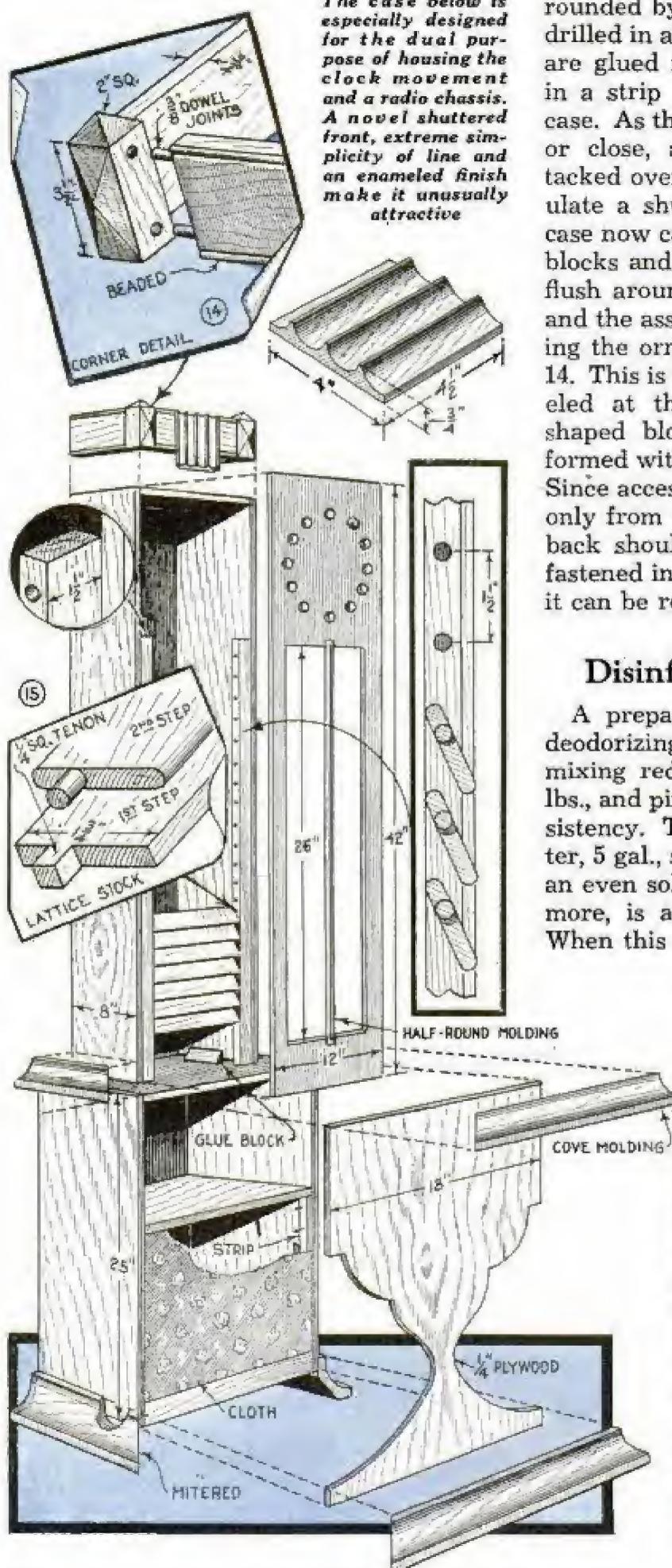
The case shown in Fig. 5, which provides space at the bottom for books, bric-a-brac, etc., makes the swinging pendulum visible through a circular opening in the front. The upper assembly, which is entirely of plywood, is of simple construction and is fully dimensioned in Figs. 8 and 10. For the $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. front piece, select a finely grained panel such as birch, as part of the top is to be stained dark. After cutting the front panel to shape, a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. groove is routed around the edge on the back side in which is fitted the circular-shaped hood, Fig. 8. The location of the 6-in. hole in the front is dependent upon the length of the pendulum of the particular clock movement to be used. When the necessary jigsawed cuts are made in the front piece, you can begin assembling the side pieces. These are nailed to the front and screwed to narrow horizontal strips bored for the column tenons. The hood is bent to conform with the routed groove, from $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. plywood, afterward being

reinforced at the edges by gluing in a narrow plywood band as shown in Fig. 8. Sink all nail heads and fill the holes with putty. Fig. 10 details the manner in which the lower unit is assembled. Simple butt joints are employed and the back is inclosed with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plywood panel. Before joining the two sections together with screws and glue blocks, corresponding holes must be bored in alinement to take the 1-in. chrome tubing which forms corner posts on each side of the case. The joint across the front where the two sections meet is concealed by narrow strips of half-round molding. In finishing, the tubing can be protected from paint by wrapping with paper. Give the entire job, except the stained portion around the face at the top, a bone-white finish.

The clock case shown in Fig. 6 and detailed in Figs. 12 to 15 inclusive, is suitable for the installation of a small radio chassis. This case is also made almost entirely of plywood. The lower section is a simple, box-like structure



with a suitable shelf fitted to accommodate the chassis and speaker at hand. The front is partly covered with a scroll-cut panel which is nailed flush with the sides. Holes for the dial mountings are made in the upper half, while the lower portion is backed with radio cloth fitted with strips tacked as shown in Fig. 10. Standard cove molding mitred at the corners forms a neat base. If desired, you can cut your own molding on the circular saw as in Figs. 11 and 12. The upper section of the case is also fitted with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. facing panel nailed flush and cut out to admit the slats of the louver section. The slats which form the louver are cut from pine lattice stock. Round tenons are formed on the ends of the slats by first cutting a square tenon as in Fig. 10. This can be



The case below is especially designed for the dual purpose of housing the clock movement and a radio chassis. A novel shuttered front, extreme simplicity of line and an enameled finish make it unusually attractive

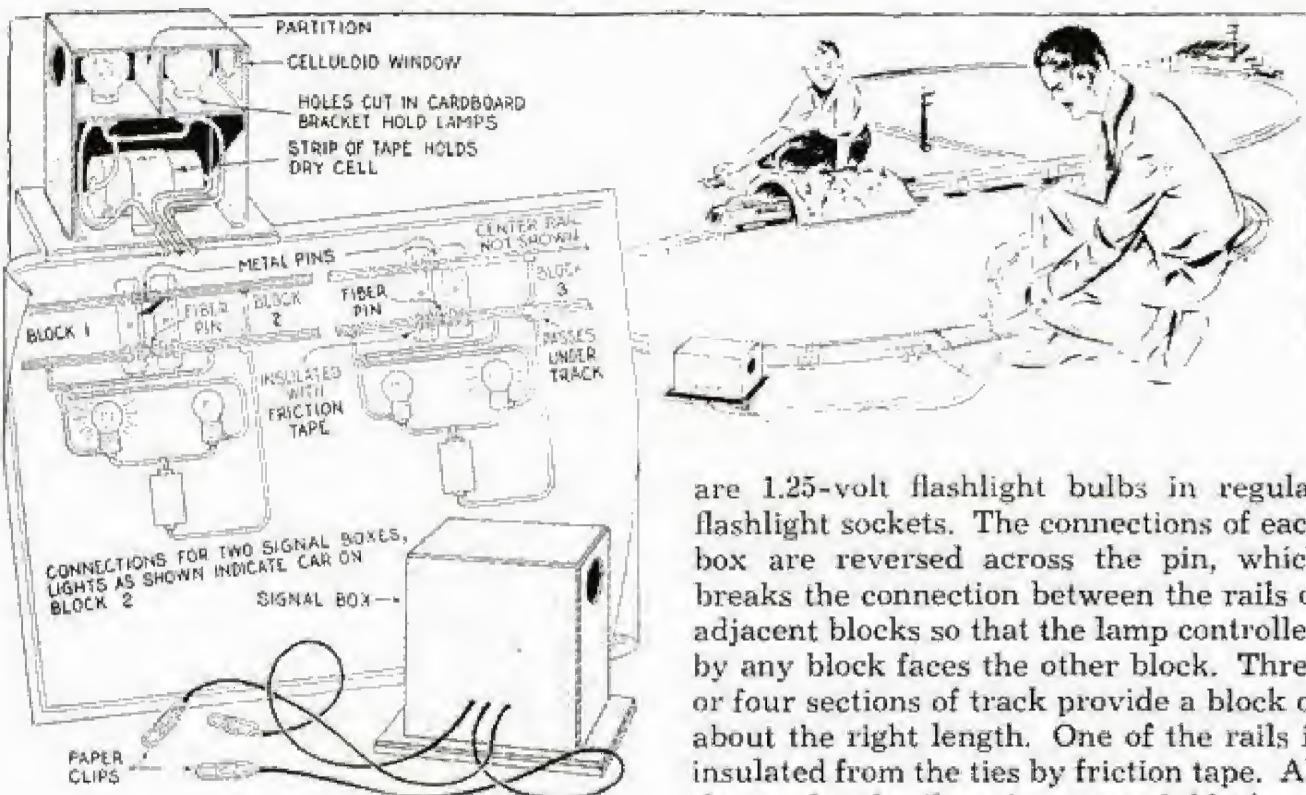
rounded by twisting through a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hole drilled in a scrap of flat iron. These tenons are glued in equally spaced holes drilled in a strip extending up each side of the case. As the louver is not intended to open or close, a narrow strip of molding is tacked over the center of the slats to simulate a shutter. The two sections of the case now can be joined together with glue, blocks and screws. Cove molding is fitted flush around the top of the lower section and the assembly job is completed by adding the ornamental top as detailed in Fig. 14. This is made up from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock doweled at the front corners to diamond-shaped blocks. A small fluted over-lay formed with a gouge is glued to the center. Since access to the clock works can be had only from the back on all these cases, the back should be fitted with a light panel fastened in place with small screws so that it can be removed easily.

Disinfectant and Deodorizer

A preparation having disinfecting and deodorizing properties may be made by mixing red oil, 6 lbs., triethanolamine, 3 lbs., and pine oil, 30 lbs., until of even consistency. To this soapy mixture, add water, 5 gal., slowly while stirring to produce an even solution. Next, pine oil, 60 lbs. or more, is added while continuing to stir. When this is evenly mixed into the milky solution, add water, $7\frac{1}{2}$ gal., and again stir until mixed. For use, water is added to this concentrated product while stirring in the proportions of one part of concentrated solution to 15 or 20 parts of water. The diluted solution has a refreshing odor and may be sprinkled or sprayed in outbuildings, etc., where a deodorant and disinfectant are desirable. The concentrated product will keep well, and may be made up in quantity and stored for use as required.

Metal separators of ice-cube trays provide good biscuit and cookie cutters if they are first dried and dipped in flour.

Toy-Train Signals Operate on Flashlight Cells



These inexpensive toy-train block signals are operated by flashlight cells so that they are suitable for electric or spring-wound trains. Each signal is a self-contained unit, and consists of one cell and two lamps inside of a cardboard box, which is assembled with paper tape. The lamps

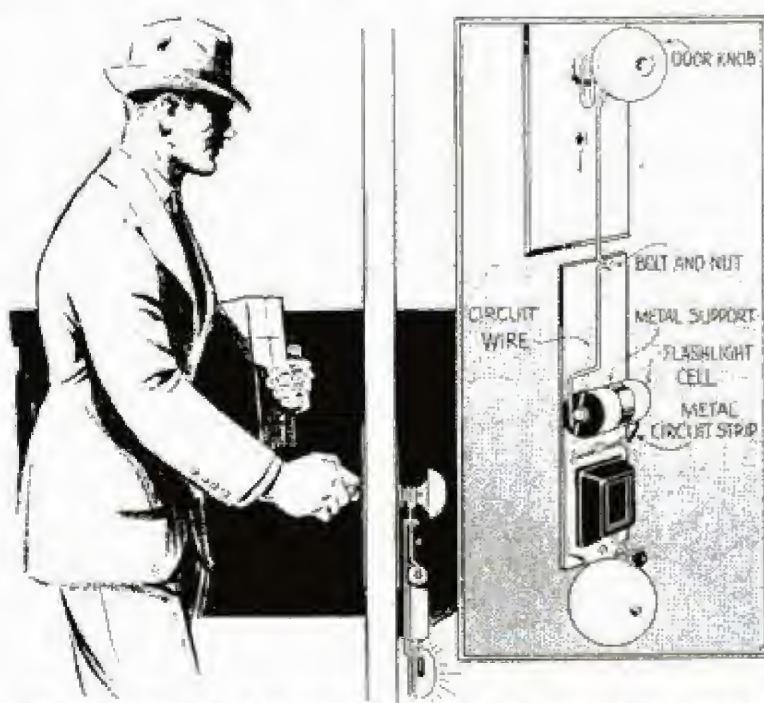
are 1.25-volt flashlight bulbs in regular flashlight sockets. The connections of each box are reversed across the pin, which breaks the connection between the rails of adjacent blocks so that the lamp controlled by any block faces the other block. Three or four sections of track provide a block of about the right length. One of the rails is insulated from the ties by friction tape. All the insulated rail sections in each block are joined by metal pins, and the connections between the blocks are made with wood or fiber pins. All wire connections are soldered. However, if removable connectors are desired, paper clips soldered to the ends of the wires are convenient.

—John Little Story, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Bell Suspended on Door Rings when the Knob Is Turned

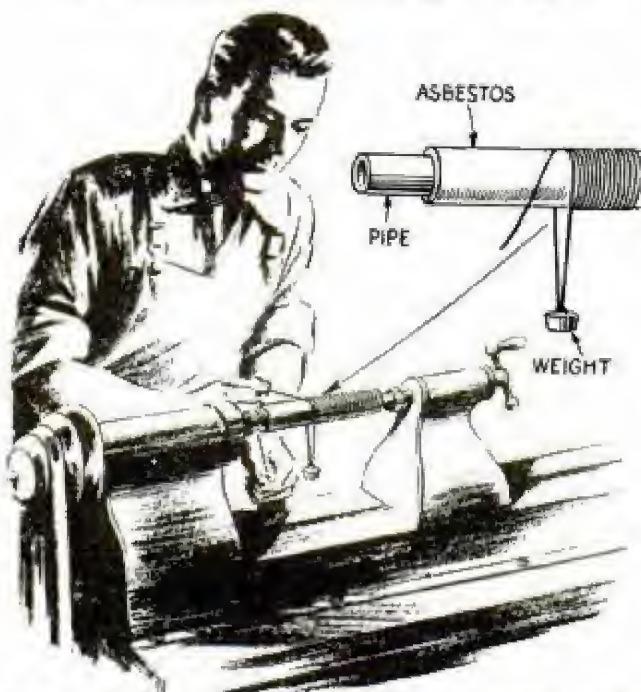
Those who desire to leave a door unlocked but connected to an alarm which will sound if the door knob is turned, will find this portable bell just the thing. It consists of an electric doorbell or buzzer and a flashlight cell mounted on a base. A length of heavy wire is pivoted to the base and is provided with a hook to slip snugly over the knob shank. One wire runs from the flashlight cell to one terminal of the bell and a second wire runs from the other terminal of the bell to the pivot point of the support wire. When the bell is hung in place and the knob turned, the free end of the support wire contacts the flashlight cell and closes the circuit.

—L. B. Johnson, Spokane, Wash.



You can leave the door unlocked without worrying because the bell will ring when the knob is turned

Spacing Wire in Resistance Coil Uniformly by Using Weight



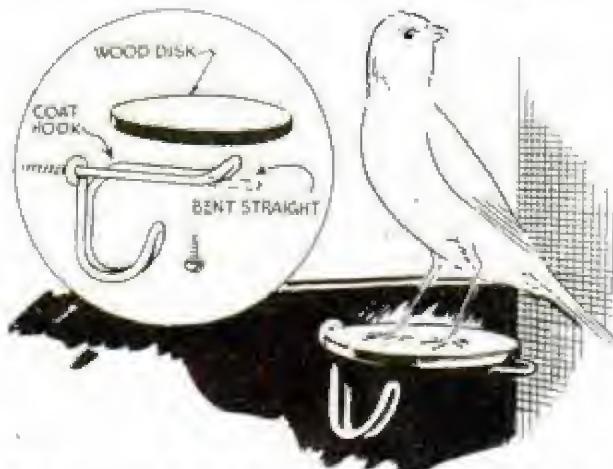
You can get any spacing desired by suspending the weight with a cord or wire having the right diameter.

When winding a resistance coil, I space the windings uniformly by a small weight suspended from the tube or core on which the coil is being wound. The weight moves forward as each turn is made, and spaces the windings a distance equal to the thickness of the cord or wire with which the weight is suspended.

—J. F. Docker, Vancouver, B. C., Can.

Bird Perches from Coat Hooks

Neat perches in your aviary or pigeon pen can be improvised by screwing small wood platforms to the ends of common wire coat hooks as indicated. The portions

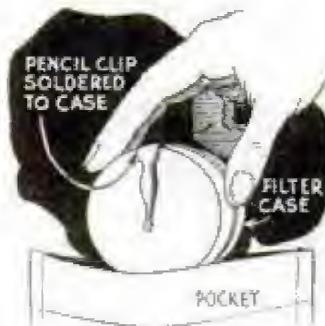


Attach a wood disk to a coat hook and you have a perch that can be driven into the aviary wall.

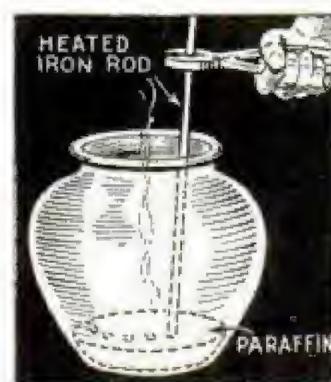
of the hooks that are turned up at the ends should be straightened with a pair of pliers so that the platforms will be horizontal.

Camera Filter Held in Pocket by Pencil Clip

Soldered to a camera-filter case, a pencil clip prevents losing the case from your pocket and keeps it in a handy position. This idea is especially useful when only one filter is carried because you haven't space for a regular filter case which holds several.



Flower-Vase Frog Improvised from Paraffin

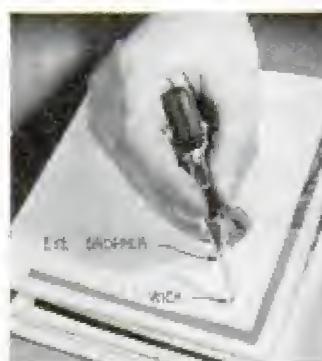


The next time you need a frog to hold cut flowers in a vase, pour some melted paraffin into it, and, when cool, use a heated rod to form the holes in the wax. Heat the vase in warm water to remove the paraffin after it has served its purpose.

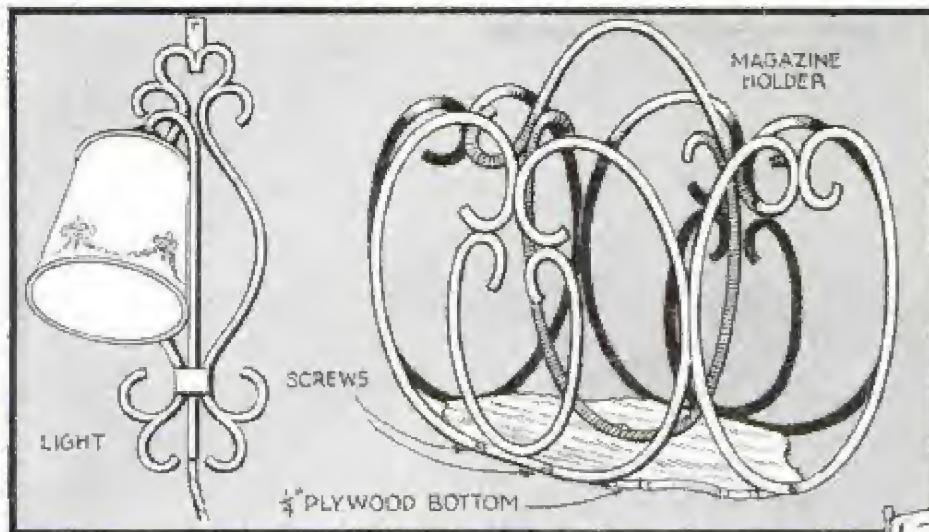
—Mrs. E. H. Lott, Baton Rouge, La.

Snapshots Glued in Album with Aid of Eye Dropper

When mounting snapshots in an album, you can do a neat job if the mucilage is applied with an ordinary eye dropper having a piece of cigarette-lighter wick projecting slightly from the end. The dropper is filled with mucilage and is used as a brush, which leaves a narrow line of glue on the backs of prints.



From Auto Gas Lines to Decorative Novelties



Offering the metal worker a little change from the usual hammered-copper work, these two articles are made of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. copper tubing—old auto gas lines and refrigerator lines furnishing the materials. Old tubing should be straightened carefully and all grease, dirt or paint removed. If a lustrous finish is desired, polish the tubing thoroughly before forming. Sketch the center lines of the curves and bend the tubing as shown at the right. Pinch the ends to close the openings and file the rough edges. In assembling the magazine holder, solder the parts for the sides together first. Then cut out the bottom and screw the sides and ends to it before soldering the corners. Solder the handle in place and finally the division. For the pin-up lamp, the tubing should be flattened a



distance of 3 in. at each end. The flattened part is cut down the middle with shears and the two halves bent to form the curves at the top and bottom. The tube through which the cord is carried is made of $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. tubing and has a socket sweated on one end. A piece of sheet copper $\frac{3}{8}$ by 1 in., with a small hole in one end, is soldered to the top to provide a means of hanging. When a polished finish is wanted, a narrow band of sheet copper carefully sweated over the joints will conceal the solder.

Carton with 'Cellophane' Cover Makes Darkroom Safelight

Suitable for both printing and enlarging, this photo safelight is made from a pint

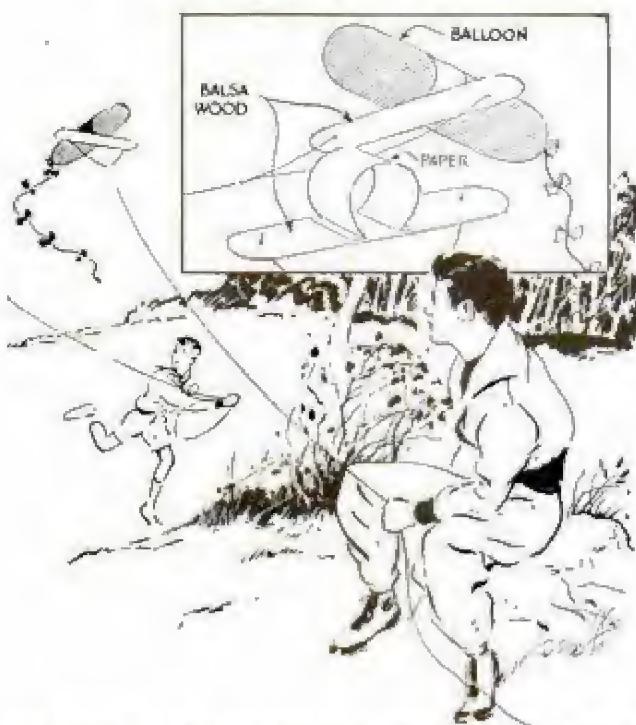
ice-cream carton and a small piece of Cellophane. A hole is cut in the bottom of the carton to take a two-piece porcelain receptacle to which a cord is attached. Then the cardboard disk is removed from the lid and a piece of Cellophane—red for enlarging, yellow for contact printing—is placed over the open end of the carton and the lid put back in place. Trimming off the rough edges of the Cellophane with scissors or razor blade completes the job.

—Arthur Trauffer, Davenport, Ia.



These photo safelights are so easy to make that you'll want several of them for your darkroom

Kite Made from Rubber Balloon Flies in Light Breeze



All you need for this kite is a toy balloon, a piece of balsa two-thirds as long as the balloon, and string.

Here is a kite that you can make for a few cents, and you can fly it any day because it takes little breeze to raise it aloft. It consists of a sausage-type toy rubber balloon fitted with a balsa wing 3 in. wide, which is attached with a paper band about one-third the distance from the tip. In assembling the kite, deflate the balloon a trifle so that the paper band will grip tightly when the balloon is again inflated. The kite harness consists of two strings attached near the wing tips as indicated.

Pencil-Sharpener Blades Whetted to Renew Dull Cutting Edges



Stone rubbed across the blades in the direction indicated by the arrow, causing the cutter to rotate and the blades to sharpen evenly. After making thirty to forty light

Pencil sharpeners dull with use like other cutting tools, but they can be renewed with an ordinary pocket whetstone. The rotary assembly is removed from the frame and a whet-

strokes on each cutter, the sharpener should be ready to reassemble.

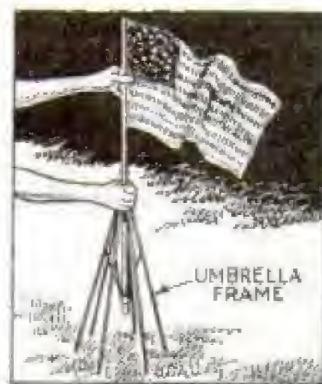
—Marvin F. Carter, Memphis, Tenn.

Special Numbers Are Handy under Base of Telephone

Special or personal telephone numbers, which one may wish to use frequently without reference to the book, or those which are unlisted and it is desired to keep them from view of other persons who might use the phone, may be written on a piece of paper which is then pasted on the underside of the phone base. To protect the paper it may be given a coat of shellac or covered with a piece of Cellophane.



Flag Supported on Your Lawn with Umbrella Frame



Old umbrella frames will serve to support flags that are to be set on a lawn or other places where the staff is usually driven into the ground. Half of the ribs are removed and the flag staff is fitted into the permanent and sliding sockets in place of the umbrella handle. When not in use, the frame is folded against the staff.

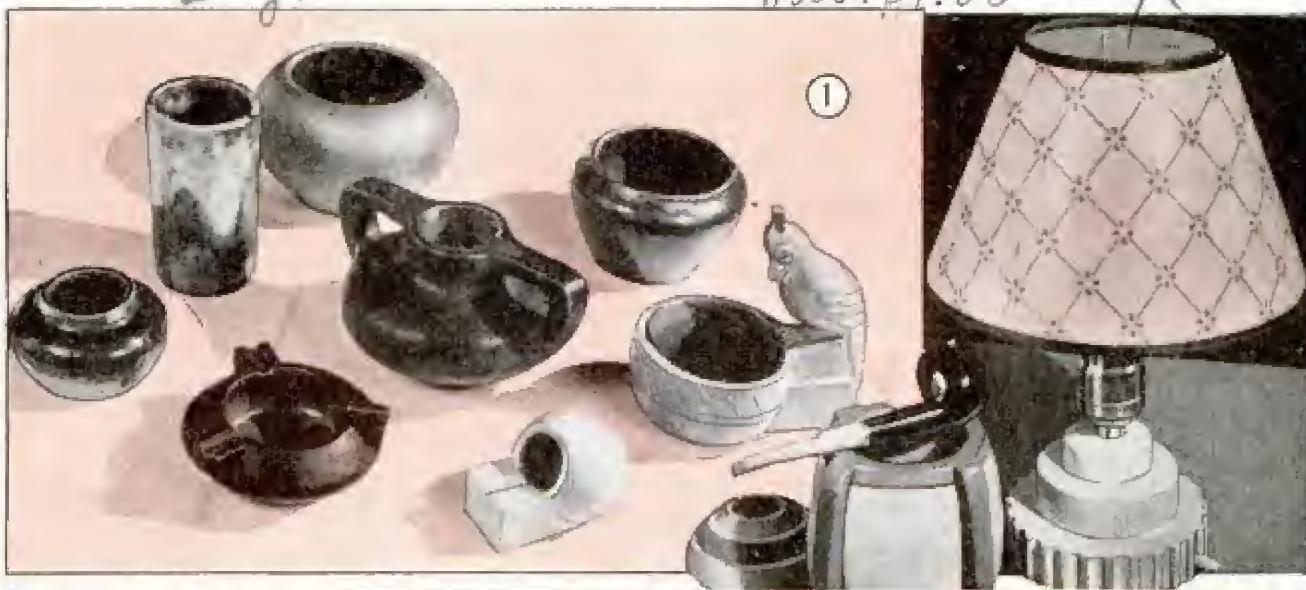
Marble and Porcelain Cleaner

Marble and porcelain are readily cleaned by applying the following mixture with a stiff brush: diatomaceous earth, 3 oz., sodium sulphate, 5½ lbs., and sulphuric acid (conc.), 9 oz. The acid is corrosive and should be handled with care. The finished product may be stored in glass bottles. After applying the cleaner it is washed away with water to prevent pitting.

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NEW POTTERY CLAY

fired in your kitchen oven

By R. O. BUCK

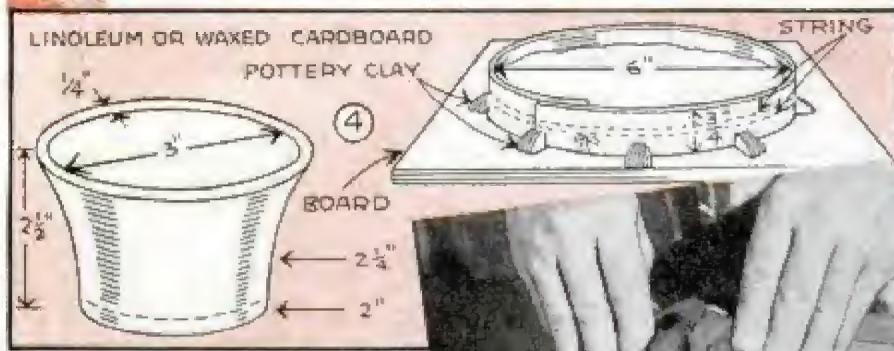
WITH low-temperature potter's clay now available at nominal cost, the work can be fired in the oven of your kitchen stove. The new clay has the same characteristics as ordinary pottery clay and is worked in the same manner. It is purchased in powder form and mixed with water to a consistency where it can be handled without sticking to the fingers. A number of small articles that anyone can make are shown in Fig. 1. Some of these may be ornamented by inscribing designs on the soft clay with a sharp instrument as in Fig. 2. The clay is thoroughly kneaded with the hands, as in Fig. 5, to eliminate air bubbles and produce a uniform texture. The mixed clay is kept in a glass or earthenware jar and covered with a damp cloth. Unused clay that has hardened but has not been fired can be remixed by pulverizing it and mixing with water in the original manner.

Pottery is best manipulated on disks of plaster of paris, called "bats," which are made by the simple method shown in Fig. 3 and the right detail of Fig. 4. Perhaps the simplest method of making small pottery pieces is by means of successive coils of clay placed one on the other. Taking the



DESIGNS MAY BE "ETCHED" IN CLAY BEFORE FIRING

simple bowl shown in the left detail of Fig. 4 for an example, you first flatten a piece of well kneaded clay on one of the bats as in Fig. 6 until it is about $\frac{3}{8}$ in. thick and cut it down with a knife to a disk of the size desired for the bottom of the bowl. A drinking glass or other circular object may be used for a pattern. A piece of clay about the size of an egg is next rolled on some flat surface with the palm of the hand to produce a "rope" about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter. After dampening the

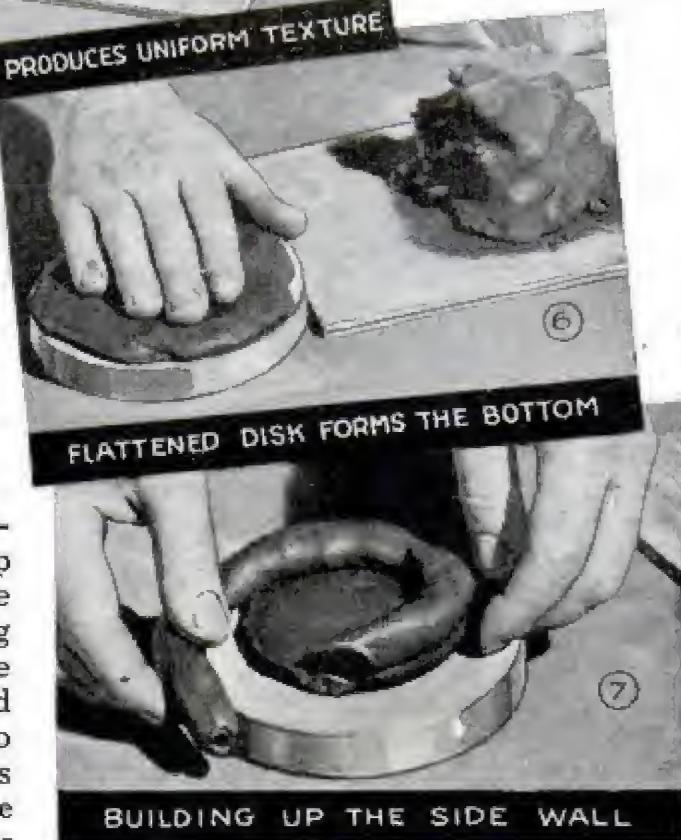


bottom disk slightly with a sponge, start building up the side walls of the bowl by placing a coil on the disk at the edge, as in Fig. 7. The joint between the ends of the coil should be beveled off with a knife to form a lap. Press the coil into contact, both inside and out, with the fingers to form a firm bond. Now add another coil in the same manner, taking care to dampen the surfaces between them, and continue until the object has been built up to the desired size and shape. A small paring knife, held flat against the work, is used for "welding" the coils and also for smoothing the surfaces. Increasing the diameter of the coils produces the flaring top shown. Cut the top off straight with the knife, smooth the surface by moistening slightly and polishing with the side of the knife blade. Depressions may be filled and leveled by working bits of soft clay into them with the knife after the piece has partly hardened. At least 24 hrs. should be allowed for the clay to dry out. This is

very important for if it were fired before drying thoroughly steam would be formed and the piece would crumble. At the end of the drying period further smoothing and polishing with sandpaper is possible and usually advisable.

Firing is next. The piece, which should be perfectly dry, is first coated with a special liquid glaze, applied with a brush. Apply as many coats as necessary to produce a surface that remains glossy. Allow the glaze to dry for 30 min., then place the piece in the center of a kitchen-stove oven where it will heat uniformly on all sides. Heat the oven slowly until a maximum temperature of 250 degrees Fahr. is reached. Keep this temperature for 15 min.,

then turn off the heat but leave the piece in the oven until it has cooled. When the piece is removed it will be hard and water resistant. Oil colors, enamels, lacquers or even show-card colors may be used for coloring your pieces as desired.



BUILDING UP THE SIDE WALL

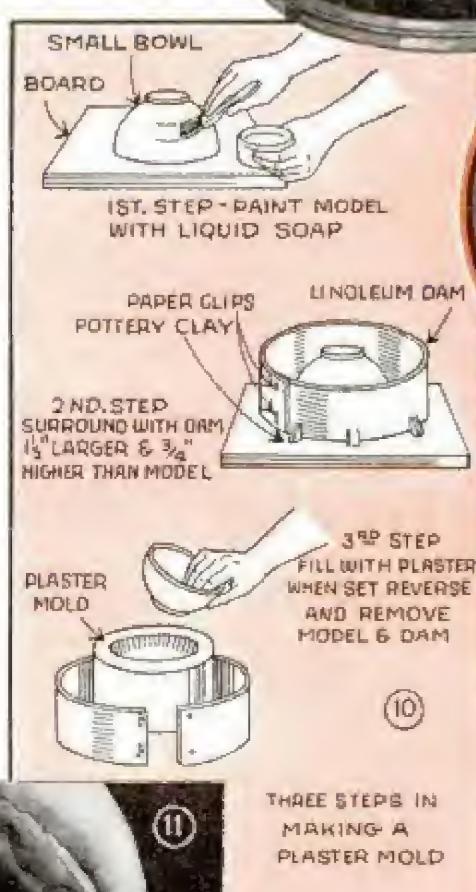
If glaze is applied over the color a high gloss will be produced.

Plaster-of-paris molds greatly enlarge the scope of pottery work. A mold is made by pouring plaster over a model which may be either of pottery, metal or clay. Fig. 10 shows the steps in making a plaster mold. For a beginning it is desirable to make a simple mold of some basic shape such as a hemisphere, from which a variety of combinations is possible. A well rounded, small bowl is suggested for a model. After the mold has set and the model is removed, the process is very simple. First moisten the inside of the mold with a clean sponge, then dust with ground flint or talcum powder to prevent the clay from sticking to it. Now take a lump of well worked clay, flatten it into a disk and lay it over the mold, pressing it firmly on all sides to the shape of the depression in the mold as in Fig. 11. Care must be taken to maintain an even thickness throughout. The excess clay around the top is trimmed off and the work is set away for a few minutes. As the plaster mold absorbs the moisture from the clay, the latter will loosen from the walls and the piece may be eased from the mold by tipping it upside down. If the clay is inclined to stick in the depressions, gentle tapping will loosen it. As the clay is still very soft it must be handled carefully and set away to dry before continuing.

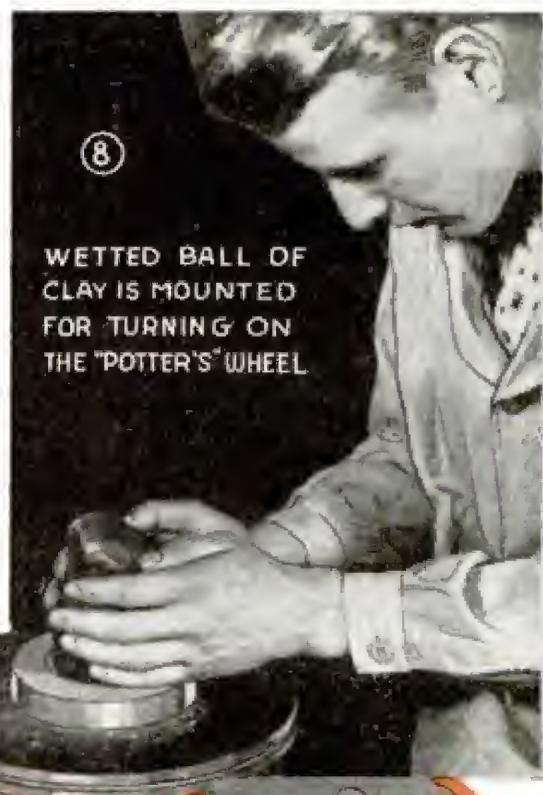
Flat objects, such as book ends, are made by joining flat pieces of clay



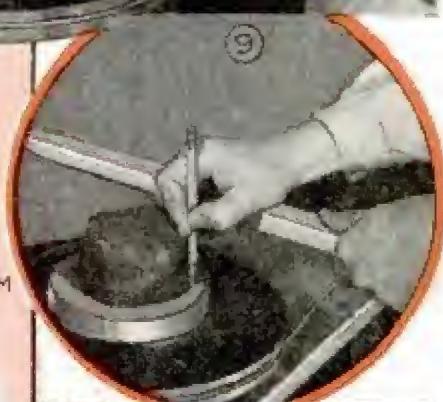
CLAY IS PRESSED INTO MOLD



THREE STEPS IN
MAKING A
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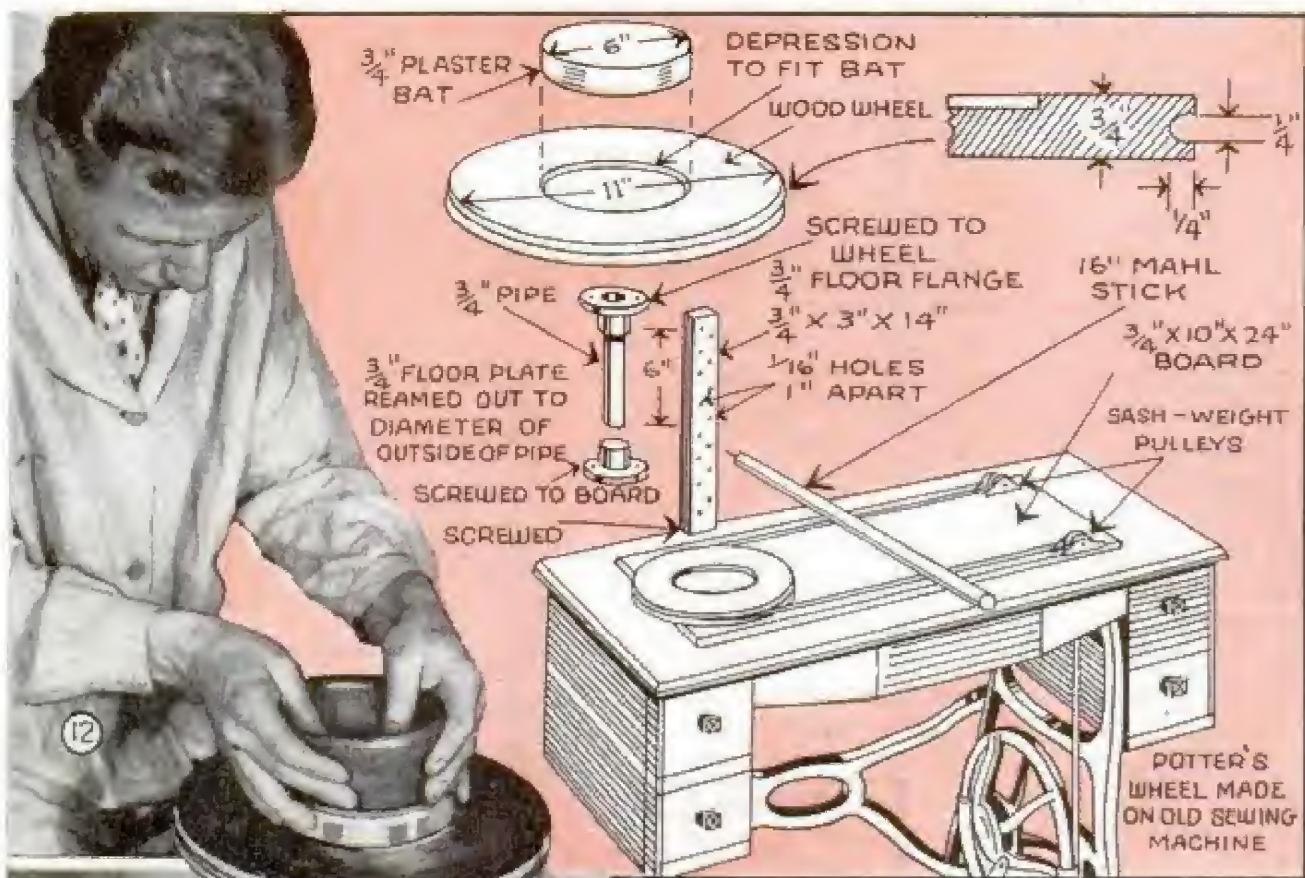
WETTED BALL OF CLAY IS MOUNTED FOR TURNING ON THE "POTTER'S" WHEEL



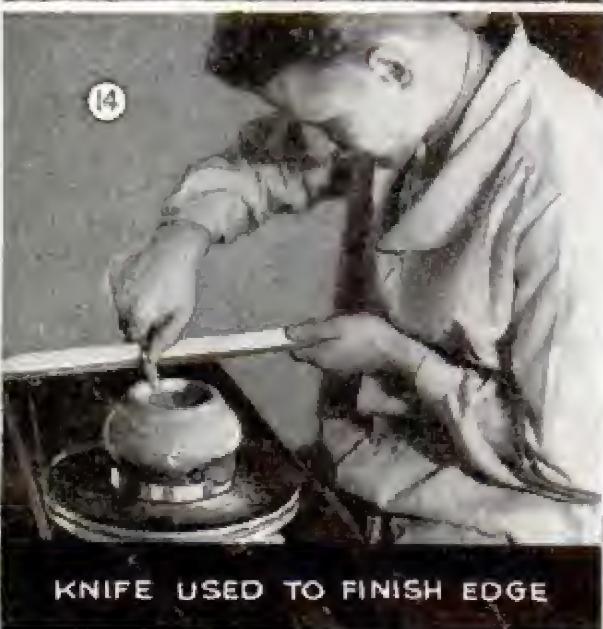
CENTERING THE CLAY BALL

together and adding cast or modeled ornaments. Separate pieces such as handles and feet are fastened on with "slip," which is simply clay thinned with water to the consistency of cream. Because of the danger of cracking, due to contraction when firing, it is unwise to have the pieces thicker than $\frac{3}{8}$ in. Where greater thickness at the outside is desirable, the back should be recessed out leaving the full thickness at the edges. Molded figures can be hollowed out with a knife after they are partly dry.

Having "graduated" from the simpler phases of pottery making, you will want to try your hand at the potter's wheel. Fig. 12



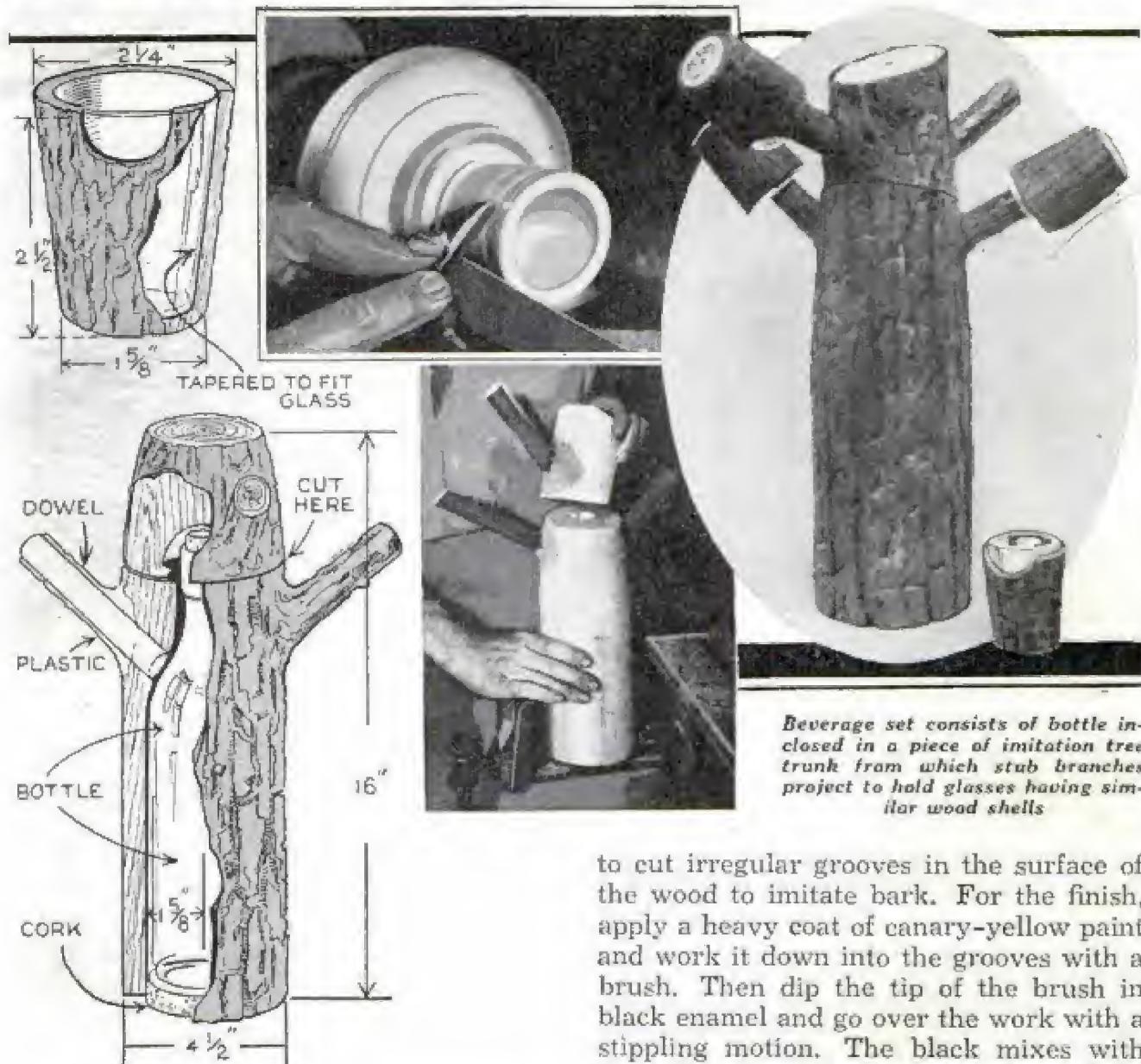
FINGERS SHAPE ROTATING CLAY



KNIFE USED TO FINISH EDGE

shows a simple type of wheel that can be made readily with an old sewing-machine frame. The manipulation of the potter's wheel requires some practice, but as the clay may be used over and over, early failures are not serious. For a beginning, take a small ball of clay about the size of a fist. Dip the clay in water and mount on a plaster bat which in turn is mounted on the wheel as in Fig. 8. The piece should be centered as nearly as possible by drawing a circle on the bat with a pencil held firmly against the mahlstick as shown in Fig. 9, and the clay forced into place equidistant from the circle. Now start the wheel revolving again, wet the hands and with the hands held in the position shown in Fig. 12, shape the clay into a cylinder. The inside is hollowed out by holding the thumbs at the center, the fingers at the outside and working the clay toward the outside in the manner shown in Fig. 13. A knife and mahlstick may be used to finish the edge as shown in Fig. 14. By wetting the surface the piece can be made fairly smooth on the wheel, after which it should be removed, on the bat, and set aside to dry to leather-like hardness. Pieces like the fluted lamp base, in Fig. 1, are built in layers formed separately, and united after they have attained the hardness of leather. The flutes are cut with a knife or a gouge.

Novel Rustic Wood Beverage Set for Your Den



Beverage set consists of bottle inclosed in a piece of imitation tree trunk from which stub branches project to hold glasses having similar wood shells

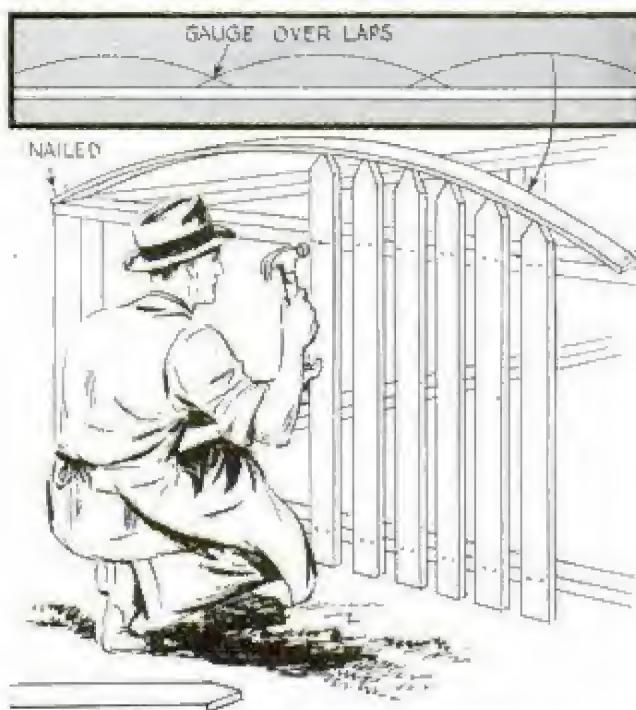
Resembling an old weathered tree trunk with a few branch stubs projecting from its sides, this unusual beverage set is decorative and useful for your den. The trunk consists of two $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 5 by 17-in. pine blocks gouged out inside to take a bottle, and then glued together after which they are turned down on a lathe. The lower end is open and is fitted with a large cork so that the bottle can be removed. After turning the block to shape, the upper end is sawed off to form a cap as indicated. The branch stubs to hold beverage glasses are short dowels set into holes drilled in the trunk, and to give a realistic effect, plastic wood putty is applied to the dowels where they join the trunk. A carving tool or small routing bit on a flexible shaft is used

to cut irregular grooves in the surface of the wood to imitate bark. For the finish, apply a heavy coat of canary-yellow paint and work it down into the grooves with a brush. Then dip the tip of the brush in black enamel and go over the work with a stippling motion. The black mixes with the yellow to produce a gray color and the sides of the grooves pick up more than the rest so that they are automatically shaded darker, giving a good imitation of bark. The glasses or cups can be made in the same way or they can be turned. If you have a band saw, considerable work can be saved by sawing cylindrical pieces from a block to the approximate shape and size of the cups, after which they are turned, and tapered openings are bored out to take small glass tumblers. These should fit tightly in the openings. A portion of the upper edge of each wood cover is cut away to provide a place for your lips.

—D. C. Marshall, Manhattan, Kan.

¶An emergency supply of mending yarn may be obtained by unraveling the top of a discarded woolen stocking.

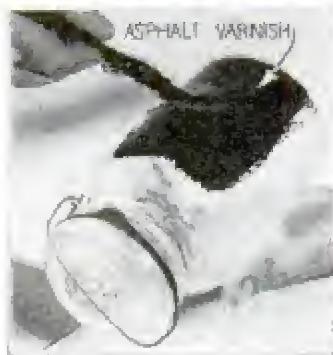
Scallops in Picket Fence Gauged Uniformly with Curved Guide



Overlap spacing of gauge each time it is moved to get the short pickets uniform between scallops

Difficulty of uniformly gauging the pickets in a scalloped-top fence was overcome by one carpenter, who formed a temporary guide by bending a narrow strip of plywood to the proper curvature, against which the tops of the pickets could be butted before cutting them to length. The guide is tacked to the top of the fence rail within a predetermined distance, and each time it is moved to form a new scallop, the end should overlap the space previously occupied so that the pickets at the bottom of each scallop will project above the rail. The distance overlapped should be the same each time the gauge is moved, to get the pickets uniform in height between each scallop.—Wayne C. Leckey, Aurora, Ill.

Containers for Photo Chemicals



Many of the solutions used in photography are better preserved by storing them in containers from which air and light are excluded. For this purpose, pint or quart fruit jars

of the type shown have been found satisfactory. They have an airtight seal, and a mouth large enough to assure quick and easy pouring. To make them light-tight, coat the outside with asphalt varnish.

Overhead Pulley Is Lubricated with Oil-Soaked Sponge

An overhead pulley that is hard to reach may be lubricated with an oil-soaked sponge which is tied to the rope or cable running through the pulley. The sponge should be large enough to be squeezed as it passes through the latter, causing the oil to run down onto the shaft.



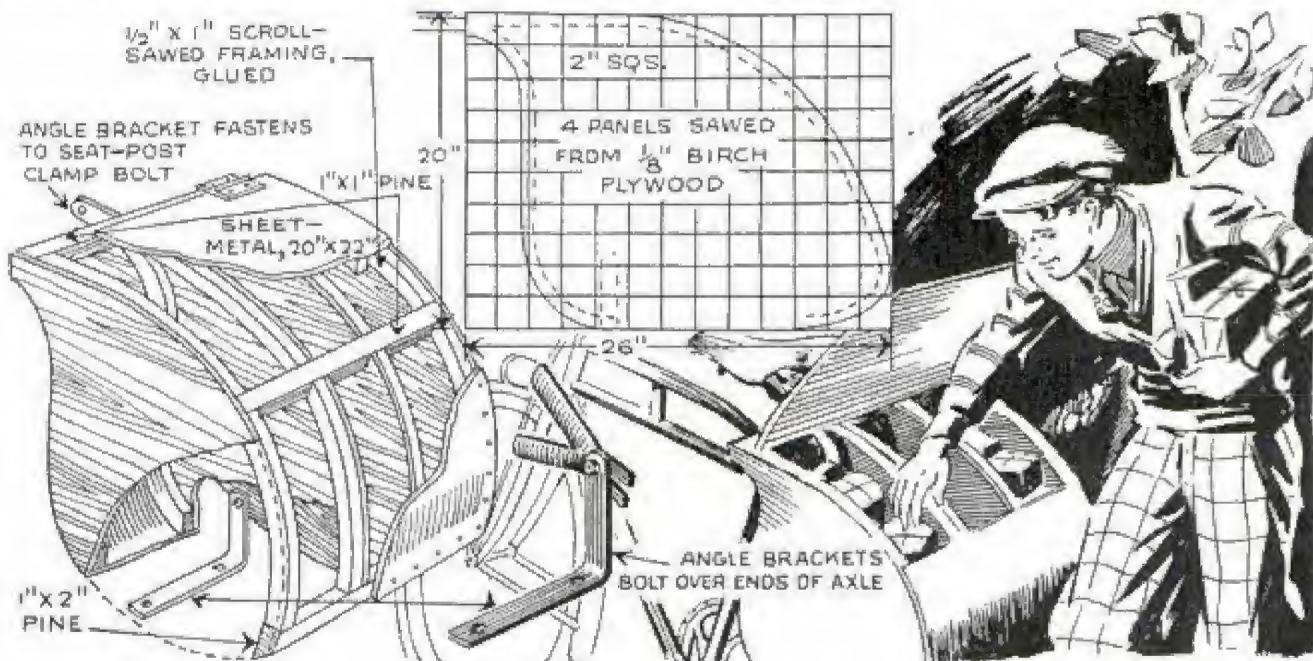
Oilstone Has Non-Slip Feet of Rubber Hose

To prevent an oilstone from sliding back and forth, when sharpening chisels or other tools, cut two sections of garden hose, slit these at one side and open them to engage the ends of the stone. Hose that has a corrugated surface will serve best.



Slit pieces of garden hose over ends of oilstone provide friction against bench top

Streamlined "Saddlebag" for Your Bicycle



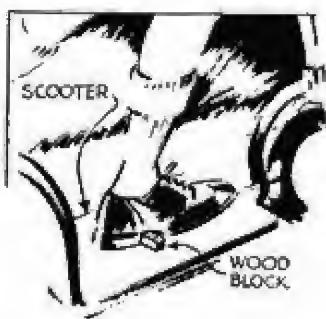
As it straddles the rear wheel of your bicycle, this parcel carrier is something like an old-type saddlebag. It is just the thing to make light deliveries, carry daily orders of groceries or packs of newspapers. The curved portion is covered with sheet metal fastened with brass escutcheon nails. The plywood panels are assembled in pairs and joined by the cross members. The latter are set in notches in the two inner

panels flanking the wheel. There are no notches in the outer panels, which are nailed and glued to the ends of the cross members. The carrier is mounted on two angle brackets bolted to the ends of the rear axle and one bracket to the seat-post clamp bolt, just under the saddle. Two curved cleats keep the sheet-metal lid in the proper curved shape. It is fitted with a drawer pull for raising and lowering.

Doorstops on Rear Legs of Table Protect Kitchen Walls

If you have a kitchen worktable next to the wall, it's a good idea to provide cushioned bumpers to keep the edge of the table top from bumping the wall when kneading bread, rolling pastry crusts, etc. Ideal bumpers can be had by screwing rubber-tipped doorstops into the rear legs.

Small Block on Child's Scooter Keeps Foot from Slipping



Screwed to the platform of a scooter, a small block of wood keeps a child's foot from slipping when he pushes. The block should fit under the instep as shown.



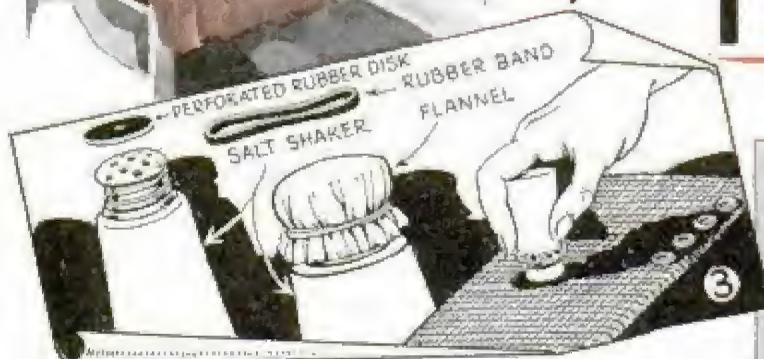
These stops prevent edge of table from bumping wall when kneading dough or doing other work



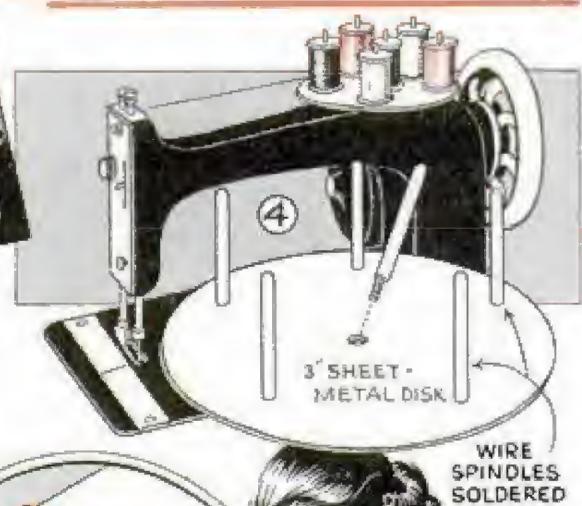
1: Knots in a quilt are spaced uniformly with the aid of a wire frame on which cross strings are tied to form squares. Pins are stuck into the quilt at points where the strings cross each other.



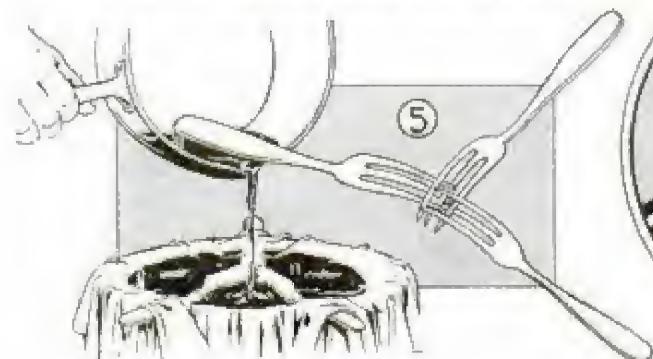
2: This clothespin dispenser hangs on the line and the pins are delivered, one at a time, from the bottom. Four brass strips projecting beyond the bottom keep the clothespins from falling out



3: Spots removed from clothing by rubbing with padded end of a salt shaker containing water-and-soap solution. Pad is formed with rubber disk and flannel as indicated.



4: Multiple spool holder on sewing machine, for several kinds of thread, is rotated to bring desired spool in line with the threading eye of the machine

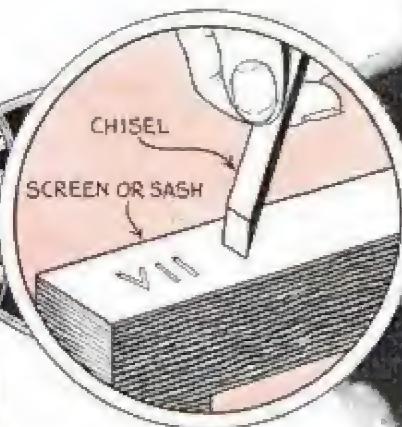
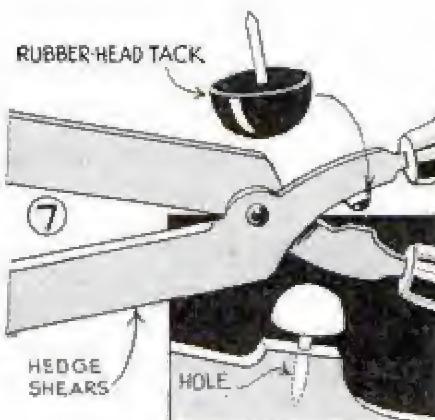


5: Emergency support for a cloth strainer quickly improvised by arranging three table forks to bridge the top of a container as indicated.



6: To assure uniform thickness of pie crusts, one housewife suggests the use of two heavy rubber bands, slipped over the ends of the rolling pin. If single bands do not raise the rolling pin enough, two or three can be used at each end, placing them on each other

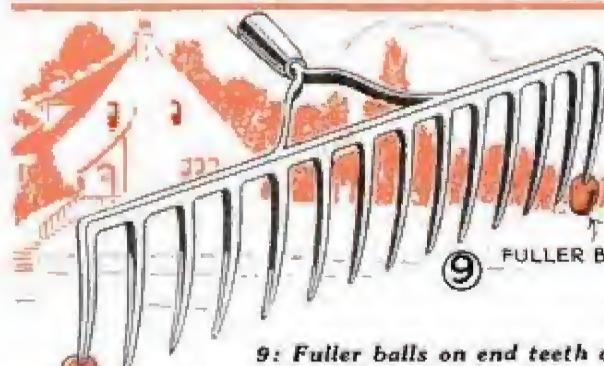
Your HOME



7: To avoid constant jarring on the arms when using hedge-trimming shears, one home owner fitted a rubber-head tack between the handles to absorb the shocks. A small pilot hole drilled in the shoulder of the handle shank permits the tack to be driven firmly in place. 8: Window screens or storm sash numbered by cutting Roman numerals in end of frames with a chisel.

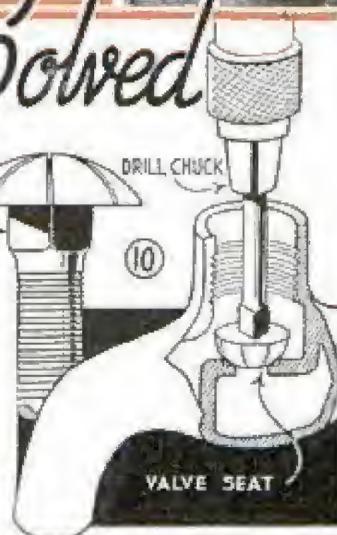
PROBLEMS

Easily Solved



CARRIAGE BOLT SLOTTED WITH HACK SAW

9: FULLER BALL

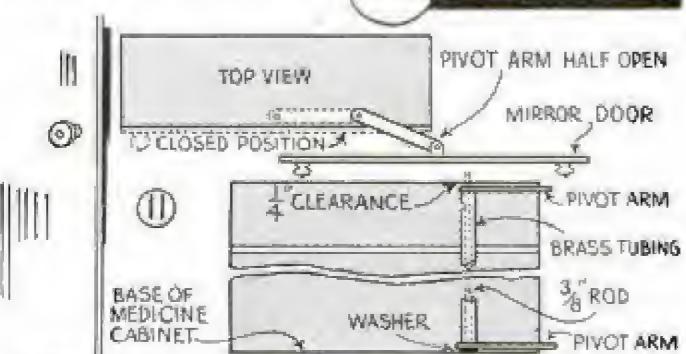
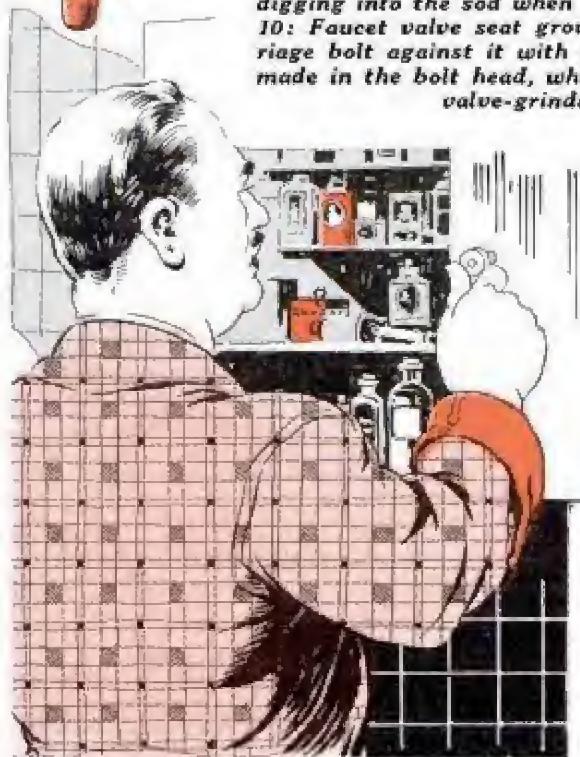


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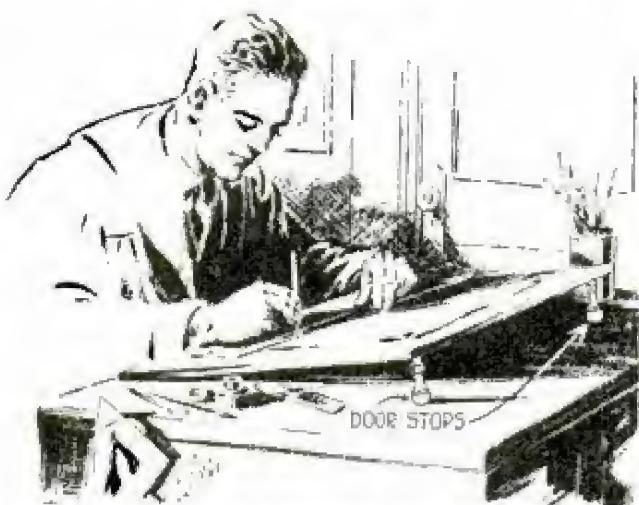
VALVE SEAT

9: Fuller balls on end teeth of garden rake keep it from digging into the sod when raking leaves from the lawn.
10: Faucet valve seat ground by rotating head of carriage bolt against it with hand drill. Several slots are made in the bolt head, which is then covered with fine valve-grinding compound



11: To avoid repeatedly opening the mirrored door of his bathroom medicine cabinet while shaving, one home owner pivoted the door on metal arms so that it could be moved forward and then swung to one side with the mirror facing him. A rod is run vertically through the cabinet at one side near the front to take a brass tube snugly. The arms are soldered to the ends of the tube and pivoted to the door

Drawing Board Tilted at Angle by Doorstops



Two rubber-tipped doorstops driven into drawing board near rear edge tilt it at easy-working angle

When using a drawing board on a table, drive a couple of doorstops into it near the rear edge to tilt it at an angle. Use the

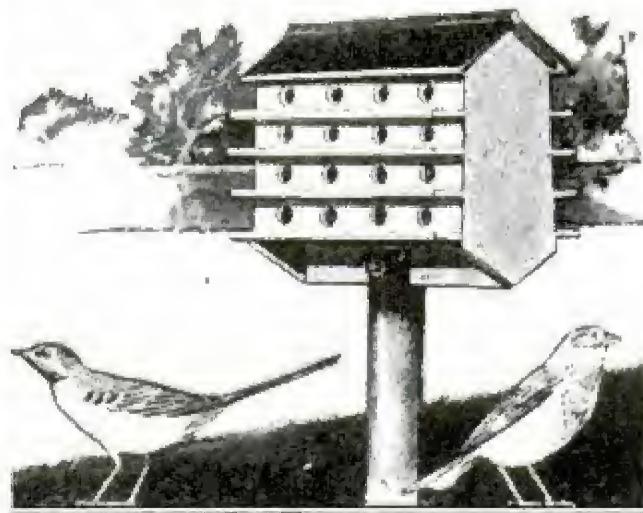
type of doorstops that have rubber-covered ends, and locate them accurately by drawing a line across the board with the aid of your T-square.

—Arthur A. Klebba, Bozeman, Mont.

Inducing Canary to Bathe

If your canary seems reluctant to take his daily bath, and merely dips his beak into the water and applies it to his plumage in a half-hearted manner, it is probably because you give him his bath water in a glass or china dish. If his attempt to bathe in this slippery receptacle results in a fall or plunge into the water, you may be assured that he will shun a bath from then on. Instead of scolding the little fellow for not following his daily habits of sanitation, provide a rubber soap dish for his bathtub. He will feel safe-footed in this and, once his confidence returns, will surprise you in the thorough way he takes to the water.

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ELECTRO-ENGRAVING

with a bottle cork

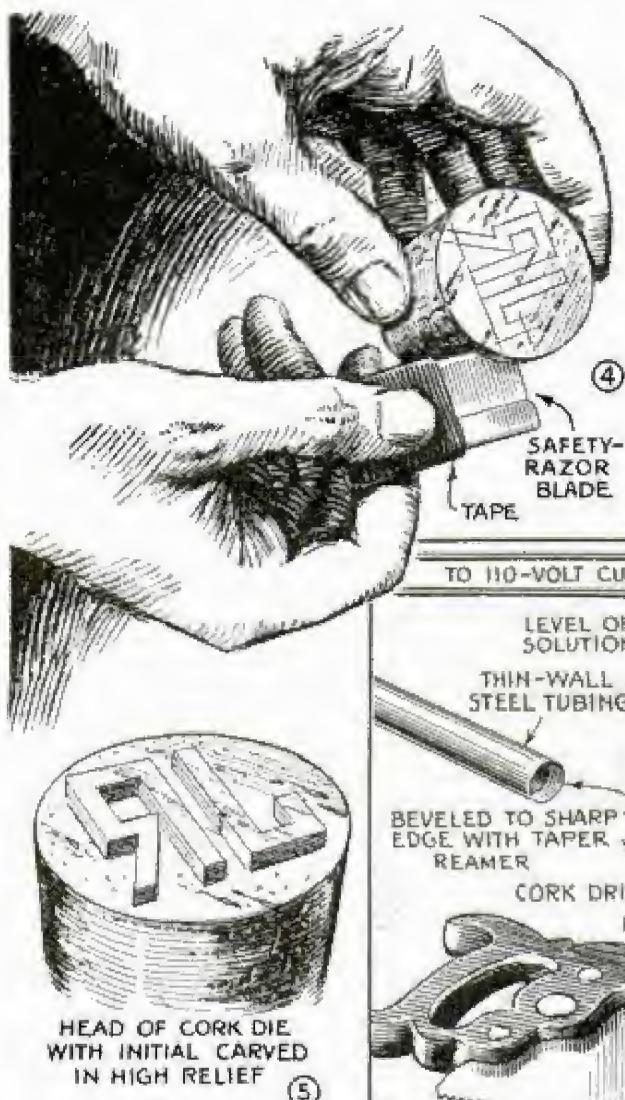
Tools,
Golf Clubs,
Nameplates,
etc., Are Easily
Engraved with
this Simple
Apparatus

by C.A. Crowley

WITH the simple device described in this article it is easy to engrave your name on tools and other metal articles as in Fig. 1. Once the design has been carved in cork, initials may be applied as many times as required. The apparatus is by no means limited to the marking of names or initials as designs of various sorts also can be applied to metal articles quickly. The apparatus operates on ordinary 110-volt alternating or direct current, or it can be operated on a low-voltage storage-battery circuit, and the time required for a good permanent etch is remarkably short.

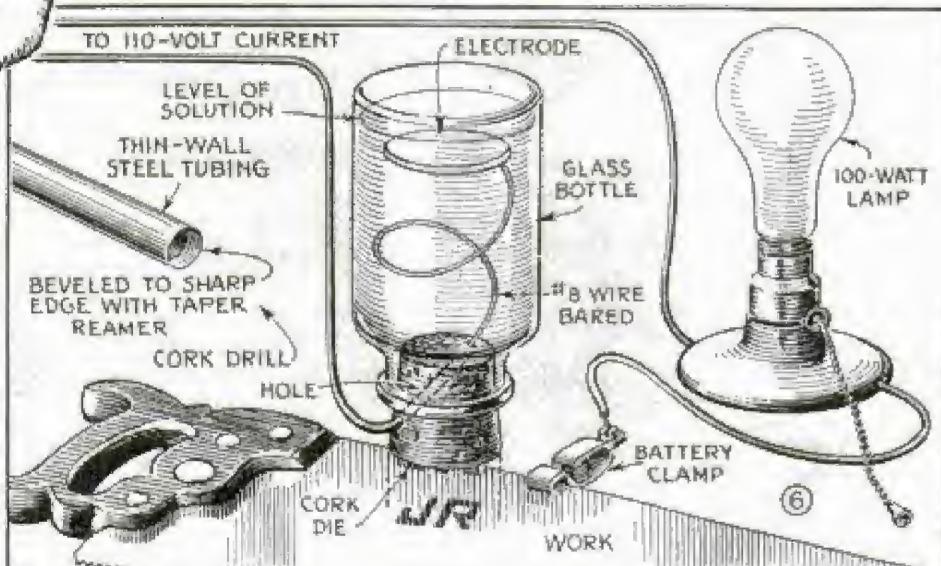
A cork die must first be cut with the name, initials or other design to be engraved. A large tapered bottle cork of suitable size is most satisfactory for this purpose. For engraving a large design, or a name in large letters, a section of cork cut from a thick sheet or block must be





HEAD OF CORK DIE
WITH INITIAL CARVED
IN HIGH RELIEF

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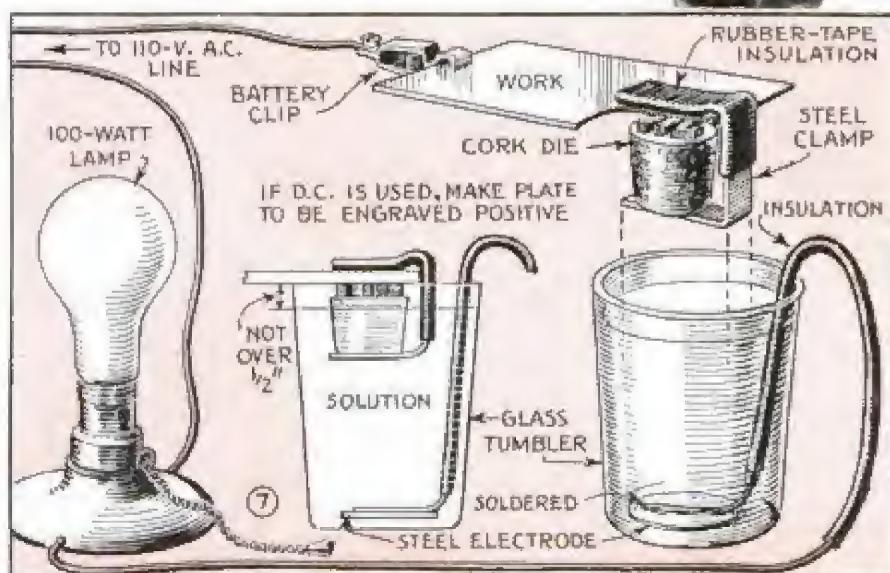
used. The cork selected should be close-grained and free from irregularities, deep lines, or other defects. The best way to cut cork is to use a razor blade as in Fig. 4. A single-edge blade is preferable for safety's sake. If desired, a very sharp penknife or linoleum carving tools can be used also. If proper care is exerted, an electric pyrographic needle can be used for cutting detailed designs. It must be remembered that the die is a negative of the design to be printed; accordingly, the part that is to be etched on the work must be raised on the die, and all letters and designs must be cut backward. Block letters are the best and easiest to cut. They should be raised $\frac{1}{16}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. See Fig. 5. All designs should be cut to this depth. To expedite the backward drawing, the design may be drawn first on paper with the aid of a sheet of carbon paper backed up against it as shown in Fig. 2. To transfer the design to the cork simply place carbon paper black face down on the cork and trace over the carbon im-

print with the originally drawn face of the paper down as in Fig. 3.

There are two methods of applying the cork against the work to be engraved. A portable marker as illustrated in Fig. 6, consists of a wide-mouth bottle into which the cork fits snugly. The bottle is filled with a solution made by dissolving ammonium chloride, $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., and water, 1 quart. Notice how one side of the line goes to an electrode in the bottle while the other goes to a 100-watt lamp to limit the flow of current. The lamp is connected to the work by means of a battery clamp. While the

portable outfit is handy for work that is too large to be set inside of a jar or crock, the latter method is shown in Fig. 7. In this case the cork should be kept submerged in the solution—same ingredients and proportions as listed above—until it is ready to be used. A simple steel clamp should be made next to hold the die against the work. The size and shape of the clamp must be governed by the size and shape of the work and the die. The clamp must press the entire printing surface of the die against the work, and exert an even pressure over this surface. The jaws of the clamp must be insulated to prevent contact between the clamp and the metal being engraved. Rubber tubing can be slipped over the jaws, or they may be wrapped with electricians' rubber tape. Next, an electrode should be cut from iron or steel, as large as the bottom of the container. The container must be of glass, porcelain, stoneware or other insulating material. An ordinary tumbler can be used for small

jobs as shown in Fig. 8. A heavy copper wire is soldered to the electrode and covered with rubber tubing where it passes through the solution, to prevent accidental contact with the work. If the work is heavy, it should be propped in place with wooden blocks. The 100-watt lamp is essential if the apparatus is used on the house circuit. On direct current, it is absolutely necessary that the work to be engraved be connected to the positive terminal. When using 110 volts, the current should be left on for 2 or 3 minutes. The apparatus can be adapted to operation on a storage bat-



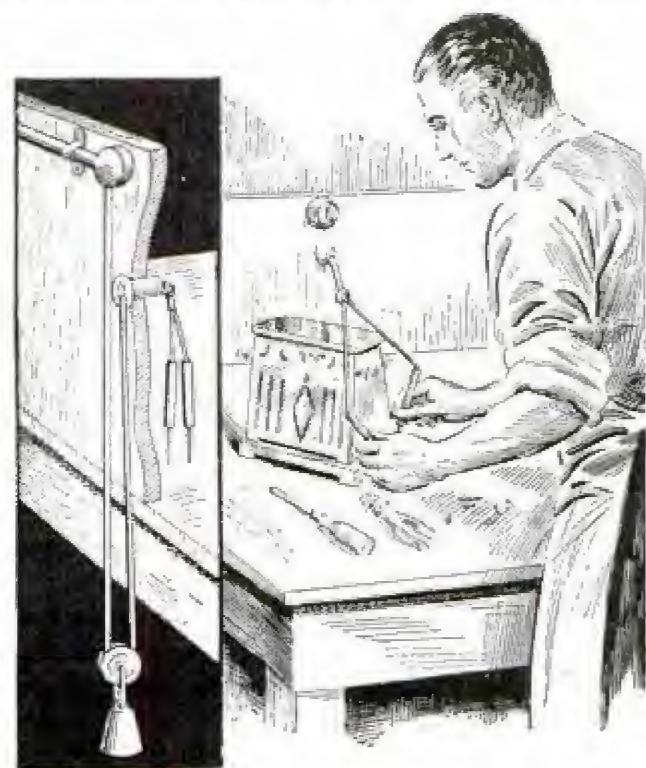
tery by omitting the 100-watt lamp and connecting the positive terminal of the battery to the work and the negative to the electrode. Where engraving is done with a storage battery supplying the current it will take 15 or 20 minutes, or even longer for a deeper cut.

Test-Bench Prods on Weighted Cord Kept Out of the Way

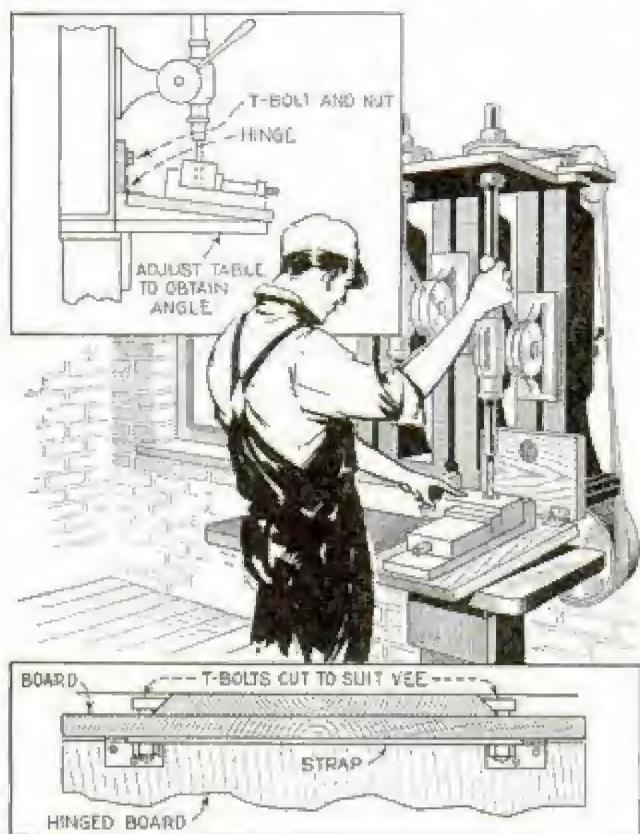
By counterweighting the cord to which electrical test prods are attached, they will be out of the way, yet are within easy reach. The cord is led through a hole in the backboard, the hole being fitted with a rubber or fiber sleeve. Of course, a lamp is connected in series with one of the test prods to limit the flow of current. A pulley and small weight hold the prods against the backboard when not in use.

Cement Makes Tight Pipe Joints

A good cement for sealing pipe joints of all kinds, except those in gasoline or oil lines, is made by mixing portland cement with linseed oil to the consistency of paint. The mixture is sufficiently abrasive to "grind in" a pipe thread and make a tight joint that would otherwise leak. It dries slightly pliable so that the joints come apart easily years later.



Auxiliary Table on Drill Press Tilts to Any Angle

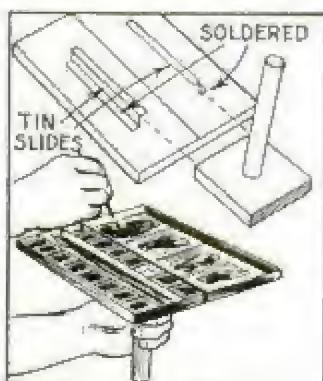


This auxiliary table is quickly adjusted with a protractor to desired angle

Here is a simple method of using an auxiliary table to drill holes at various angles on either a single or multiple drill press. Two hardwood boards are hinged together as indicated, after which one is bored for a T-bolt. This slides in a T-slot of the drill-press frame and is tightened to hold the table after it has been set at the correct angle with a protractor. If the slots in the frame are V-shaped, two bolts can be used, the T-ends being cut away to suit the slide.

—H. Moore, Hamilton, Ont., Can.

Water-Color Box with Handle Is Easy to Hold

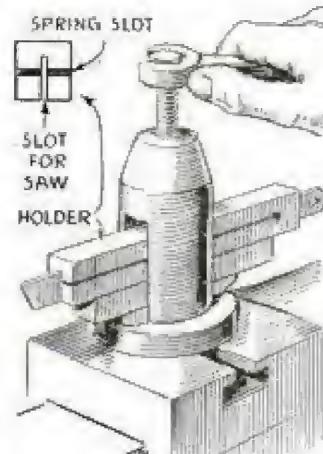


When sketching with water colors where you have to stand up and hold the box in one hand, this handle will be found a real convenience. It consists of a small block of wood drilled in

the center to take a length of dowel, which serves as a grip. V-shaped slides soldered to the underside of the box take the handle, which is removed when not needed.

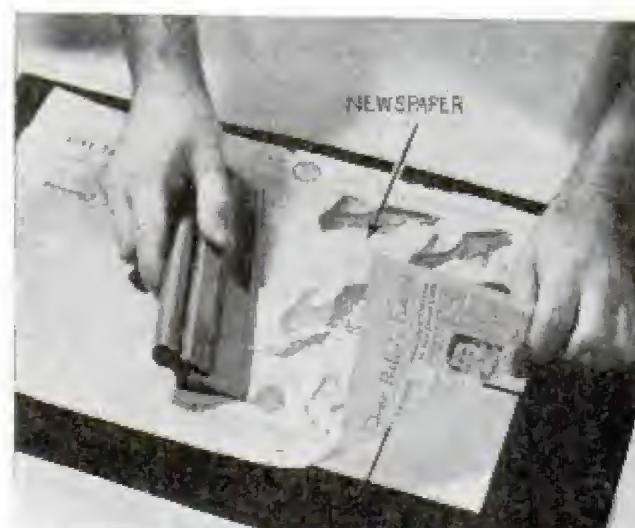
Saw-Blade Lathe Parting Tools Fit in Special Holder

Lathe operators can make their own parting tools from old power hacksaw blades. The tools are ground to the shape desired and fit in a special holder. This consists of a piece of steel slotted on one side to take the blade and slotted all the way through on the opposite side so that a single tightening of the tool-post screw grips both the holder and the parting tool at the same time.



Newspaper Aids in Ferrotyping Small Glossy Prints

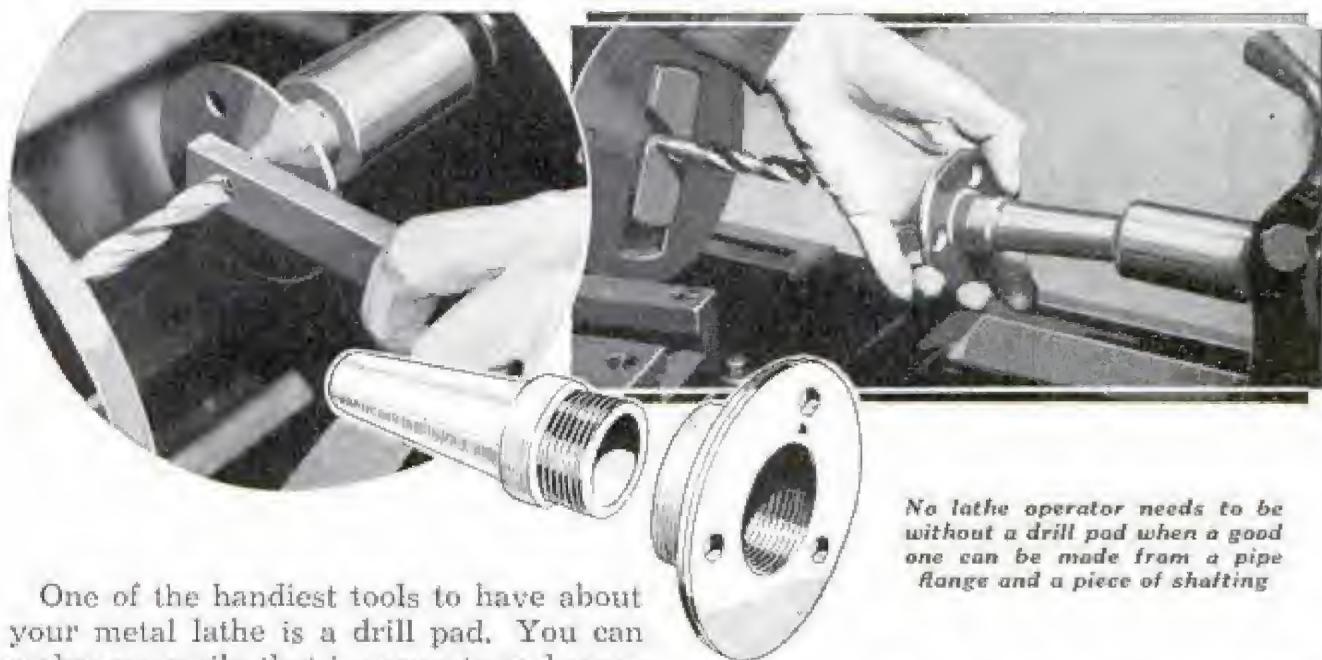
When a number of small glossy prints are to be squeegeed to a ferrotype plate, the tendency to slide about can be over-



By covering small photo prints with a piece of old newspaper, you can squeegee them in place easily

come by covering them with a sheet of old newspaper while squeegeeing. Afterward, you can use another sheet of newspaper to remove the excess moisture.

Lathe Drill Pad Is Made from a Pipe Flange



No lathe operator needs to be without a drill pad when a good one can be made from a pipe flange and a piece of shafting

One of the handiest tools to have about your metal lathe is a drill pad. You can make one easily that is accurate and serviceable from a pipe flange and a short length of cold-rolled shafting. The latter is turned to a taper that will fit the tailstock quill with about 1 in. of the straight section projecting. This is threaded to re-

ceive the flange, which is turned tightly against the shoulder of the taper. You simply set up the whole thing in the headstock and true up the edge and face of the flange.

—Walter E. Burton, Akron, Ohio.

Makeshift Compass Scribes Large Arcs on Show Windows

A signwriter's compass that can be carried right in the pocket is assembled quickly from a piece of string and a small vacuum cup of the type provided with a small bolt. The cup is stuck to the work, after which one end of the string is tied to the bolt. Then, holding the other end in the hand along with a piece of chalk, it's a simple matter to scribe an arc of any radius.

How to Use a Star Drill



Instead of striking heavy blows on a star drill with a large hammer, take a small hammer and tap the drill with light blows in rapid succession, turning the drill each time you raise the hammer. A series of

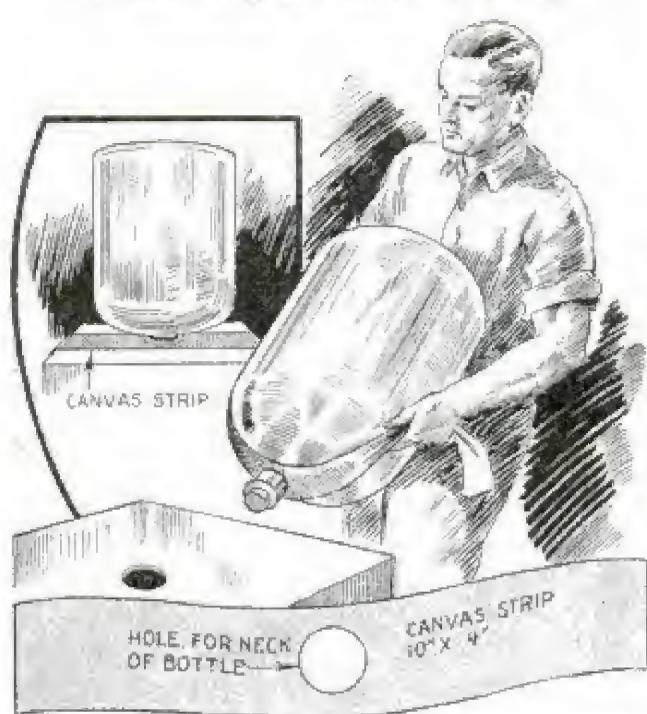
light taps are more effective in chipping the work than the other way.

—Robert E. Davy, Represa, Calif.



Using a string attached to a vacuum cup, it's a simple matter to scribe an arc of almost any radius

Large Bottles Handled Easily with Help of Canvas Strip

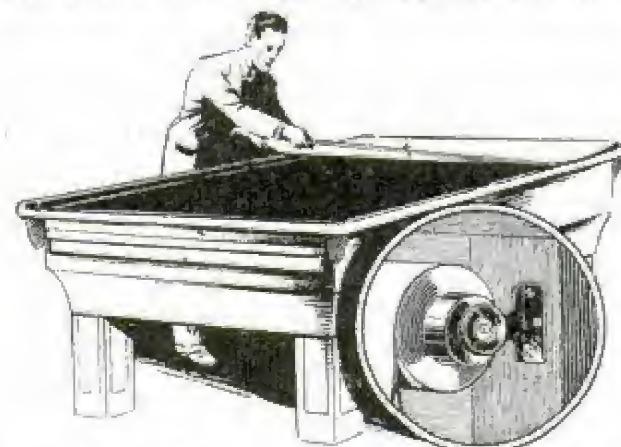


It's no trick to lift a large bottle of water to a cooler if a strip of canvas is used in this way

The difficult job of changing large water bottles on a cooler, is done easily by using a strip of canvas with a hole cut in the center to lift them to the cooler. The canvas should be kept clean as it is left on the cooler until the empty bottle is removed.

Billiard-Table Covers Mounted on Window-Shade Rollers

One billiard-table owner conceived the idea of attaching the cover to a pair of shade rollers, and fastening the roller brackets under each end of the table. The cover cloth was divided in the center and one-half mounted on each roller. The free

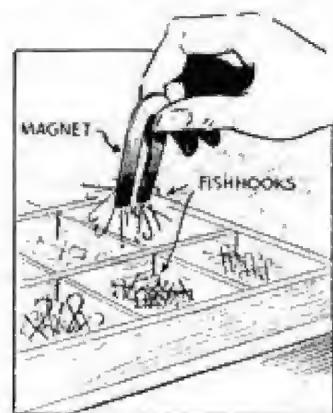


Cover for billiard table mounted on window-shade rollers is quickly pulled into place when needed

ends were hemmed to take curtain sticks, which permitted the pieces to be drawn together and fastened with a small hook over the center of the table.

Fishhooks Dispensed in Store with Small Magnet

To avoid injuring the fingers in removing small fishhooks from drawer compartments, when selling or invoicing, one merchant employs a small magnet. This lifts the hooks so that any number may be removed. The same idea can be used by fishermen who lose hooks or small flies in the grass while fishing. The magnet will locate and pick up the hooks that could seldom be found in the usual manner.



Spring Aids in Perforating Jobs



The next time you have a job of perforating some work which requires several hundred holes, try using a small compression spring under the nail or perforating tool, as indicated. When the tool is driven through the work, the spring pulls it out again instantly, thus enabling you to tap the nail with a hammer and move it to the location of the next hole rapidly.

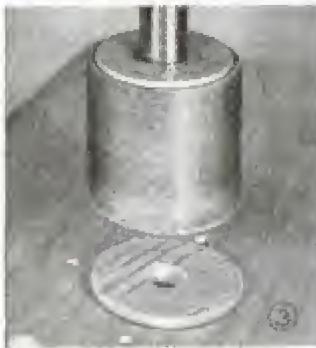
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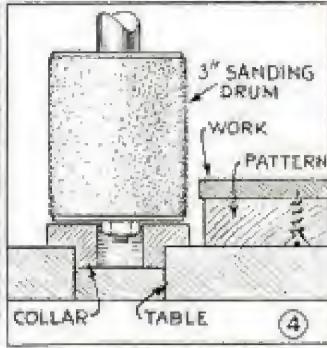
FITTING ANCHOR POINTS



BAND-SAWING WORK OVERSIZE



SET-UP FOR SANDING



HOW SET-UP WORKS



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PATTERN SANDING

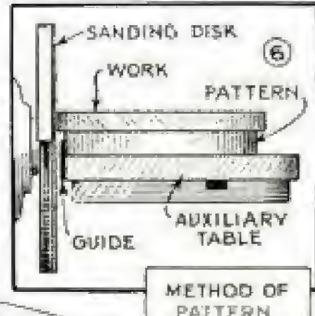
gives true curves

SANDING with a pattern is an accurate method of finishing edges, and is of special value on duplicate work. The pattern is usually made from $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. stock, carefully smoothed to the exact size, and is fitted with two or more anchor points to hold it in place on the work. The best anchor point is made by driving a wood screw through the pattern, and then filing off the projecting end, Fig. 1, to form a point.

Using the pattern as a guide, the work is band-sawed slightly oversize, as shown in Fig. 2, after which it is sanded to the same exact shape as the pattern, Fig. 5. Figs. 3 and 4 show the set-up, which consists of a wooden ring of the same diameter as the sanding drum, the ring being nailed to an auxiliary wood, drill-press table or fitted in the opening in the table. The ring must be alined exactly below the sanding drum.

Pattern sanding can be done also on a disk sander, Fig. 8. The guide is a thin metal strip fastened to an auxiliary wood table, as shown in Fig. 7. The pattern rides against the guide, cutting the work to the same shape as the pattern, Fig. 6. It will be noticed, however, that the pattern must be made about $\frac{1}{8}$ in. smaller all around to compensate for the space taken up by the guide, as indicated.

When using a sanding pattern, it must be smaller than the work on account of a metal guide plate which is fastened to the auxiliary wood table

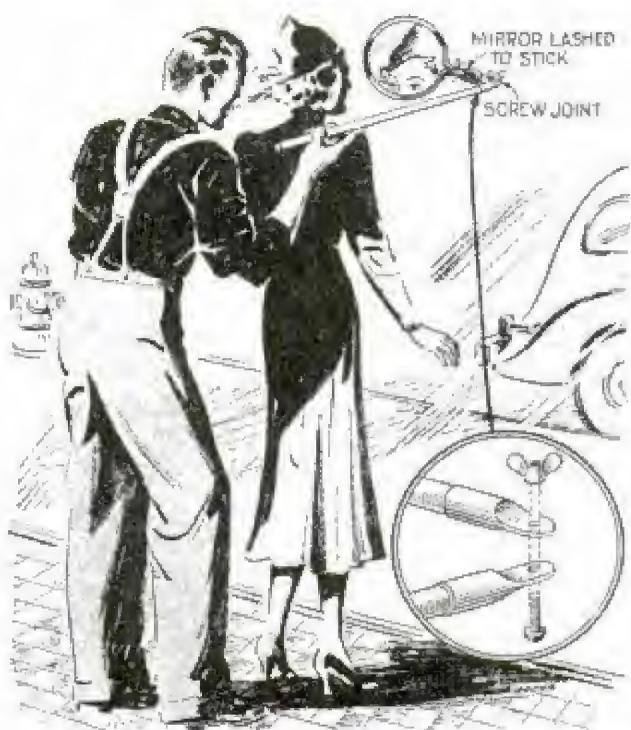


METHOD OF PATTERN SANDING WITH DISK



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Window Trimmer Dresses Model with Aid of Mirror



Trimmer adjusts clothing on show-window manikins by holding mirror in front of them

When working in a narrow or crowded window, one trimmer uses a mirror to see the front of the models. This saves many steps in going outside to see if the clothing is adjusted correctly. The mirror is lashed to a stick, which is pivoted as indicated in the detail so that the mirror can be set at any angle desired.

—Opie Read, Jr., Chicago.

Polishing Tumblers Quickly

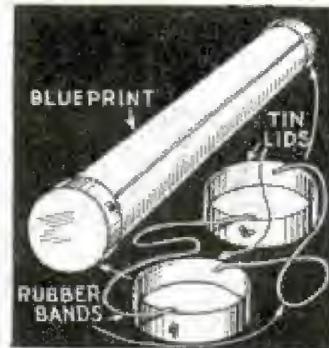


In restaurants and other places where there are a number of tumblers to clean, this polisher will save time and help assure a good job. It consists of a piece of sponge rubber shaped to fit inside the tumbler snugly and provided with a handle. This is a piece of dowel rod fitted with a grip at one end. The other end is drilled to take a small, short dowel or pin at right angles. The handle is pushed

into the rubber and the pin is forced into the hole to anchor it. When using the polisher, a towel is wrapped around the rubber as indicated.

Ends of Blueprints Protected by Can Lids

Rolls of blueprints are protected against damage at the ends if baking-powder can lids are used as shown. Holes are punched in opposite sides of each lid to attach rubber bands, which hold them on the roll. As the lids are easy to remove and replace, workmen are not likely to neglect referring to the plans frequently as is often the case with less convenient containers.



Plow Beam Can't Clog with Trash When This Shield Is Used

When plowing fields in which there may be weeds or cornstalks, clogging of the plow at the curve of the beam above the moldboard can be avoided by using a sec-



Section of auto tire at curve of beam enlarges it so that trash does not lodge at this point

tion of old auto tire at this point. The piece of tire is slipped in place as indicated, where it is held by a bolt through two holes drilled at the upper end.

To BUFF and To POLISH



By

C. A. CROWLEX

PRODUCING a high-luster finish on a metal surface divides itself into three distinct processes; grinding, polishing proper, and buffing. Grinding with an emery wheel leaves a multitude of fine scratches on the surface. Polishing simply removes these finer marks by grinding away small amounts of metal. Where a very fine finish is desired, the polishing operations are followed by buffing with a soft wheel and very fine abrasives. This removes even the fine marks left by the polishing abrasives and leaves a surface which is glass smooth.

Polishing and buffing are similar processes, the only difference being that in polishing the abrasive is glued permanently to the wheel, while in buffing the abrasive is fed to the wheel during the operation. Polishing abrasives usually are identified

by number, from No. 120 to No. 220, while buffing abrasives are numbered above 220. Polishing wheels, Fig. 1, are made from a number of materials. Wood faced with leather, sheepskin, bull neck and walrus leather, canvas, felt, muslin, and flannel are materials commonly used. Leather-faced wooden wheels are, of course, rigid, and are suitable only for polishing flat work. For curved surfaces wheels faced with the more flexible materials are used. Soft buffs are made of disks of cloth or sheepskin loosely sewed together.

On polishing wheels such artificial grits as aluminum oxide, silicon carbide and natural emery are most generally used. For buffing, a number of natural abrasives are used, these being in the form of a cake made of the abrasive and grease or tallow so that the grit may be applied to the buf-



COMPOSITION OF GLUE FOR POLISHING WHEELS		
Abrasive grain size	Dry glue c.c. by weight	Cold water c.c. by weight
30 - 36	50	50
46 - 54	45	55
60 - 70	40	60
80 - 90	35	65
100 - 120	33	67
150	25	75
220	20	80



fing wheel by friction, as shown in Fig. 8. The ordinary buffing compounds, in descending order of hardness and sharpness, are emery, tripoli, pumice, crocus, lime and rouge.

Animal-hide glue in the ground form is generally used for applying abrasives to polishing wheels. It should be mixed with water by weight as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The water must be measured accurately as in Fig. 4 on the basis of 1 oz. avoirdupois equals 1 fluid oz. The glue should soak in cold water for one hour. After soaking, the glue solution is carefully heated to a temperature of 140° F., in either a water-jacketed gluepot or one electrically heated as in Fig. 5. Once the glue is melted, it should be applied quickly to the wheel with a brush, Fig. 6. It's a good idea to have the wheel heated to the same temperature to avoid chilling and jelling of the glue. The glue-coated wheel is then rolled through a sheet-metal trough containing the abrasive until it is thoroughly and evenly coated, as shown in Fig. 7. Let it dry for 24 hours. A new wheel should always be given a thin sizing coat of glue followed with two coats of abrasive. If an old wheel is to be recoated, first true it up with a silicon-carbide stick and then treat it as a new wheel.

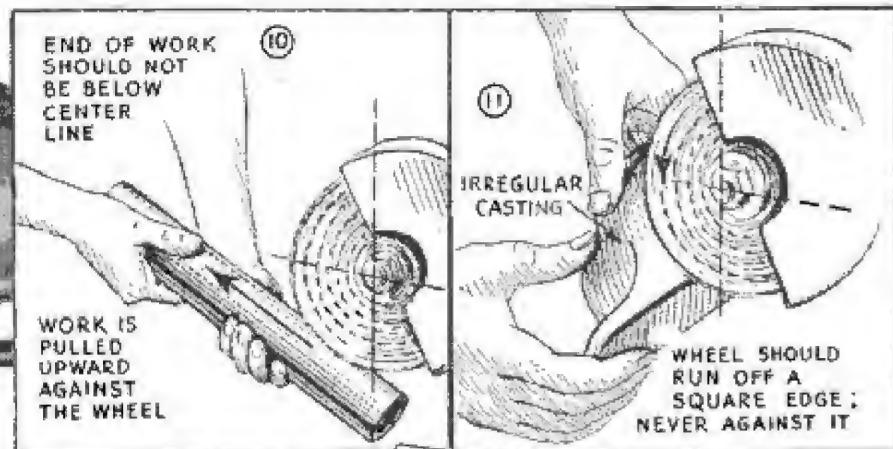
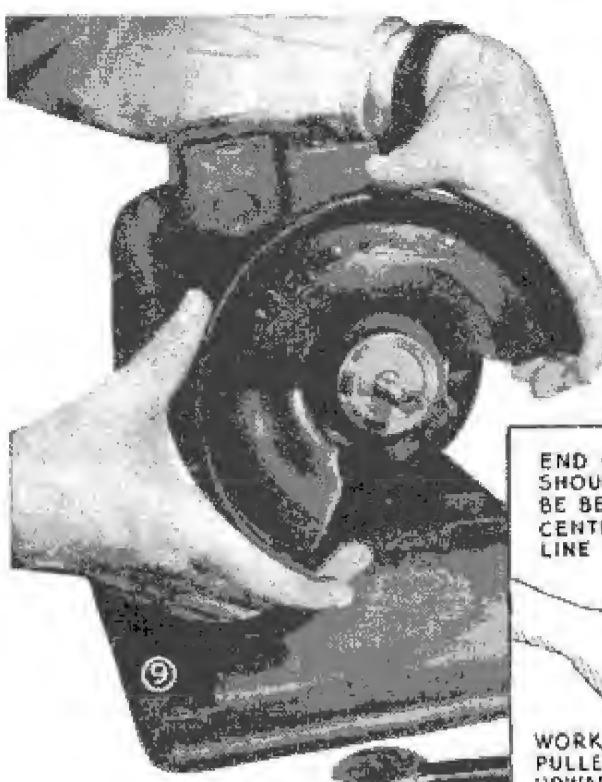
Abrasives used in buffing have special characteristics, each one being suited to its own particular uses. Emery cake comes in a great variety of degrees of fineness. It is frequently used as a preliminary buffering compound for "cutting down" the last fine scratches left by polishing. It should not be used on stainless steels, however, as it contains iron. Tripoli is composed of soft, porous grains without sharp, hard surfaces. It produces a very high polish on soft metals such as brass and aluminum. Crocus is sometimes used for a high finish on iron or steel. Vienna lime or venetian lime is extensively used in polishing nickel-plate while rouge is one of the softest buffering compounds and is used for the finest finish. Chromium oxide or "green rouge" is used for the final finishes on stainless steel, Monel metal and nickel. Fig. 12 gives suggested motor sizes for operating wheels of various diameters. Although not essential, it is better to have the wheel run clockwise as viewed from the operator's left, as this makes it handier to hold the larger work.

In any case the wheel should run toward the operator so that the work can be held against the wheel at a point below the horizontal center line as in Fig. 10.

Both polishing and buffing wheels are operated at speeds varying from 2,500 to 7,500 surface feet per minute, and sometimes higher, the most general practice being operation at 3,000 to 6,000 s.f.m. Fig. 13 shows you how to translate surface feet per minute to revolutions per minute for various wheel sizes. To use the chart, find the diameter of the wheel on the bottom of the graph, then follow the vertical line corresponding to this diameter up to the curve marked with the desired surface speed and from this point read straight across to the left-hand margin where the r.p.m. can be found. Should you require a surface speed not shown, for example, if a speed of 3,500 s.f.m. is desired, the r.p.m. can be found by averaging the next smaller and the next larger values. These wheel speeds are only approximate and there is no necessity for adjusting them closer than within 100 or 200 s.f.m.

Now the sequence of operations followed in polishing and buffing any metal article must be determined by the condition of the work, the final finish desired, and the metal of which the article is made. Soft metals may need fewer operations than harder metals. A rough casting will require more polishing than a sheet of metal that is already quite smooth. If a mirror finish is desired, operations must be continued down to the softest buffing materials; if a duller surface is satisfactory, perhaps no buffing operations at all will be needed. The skill of the operator also has much to do with the final result. Naturally a skillful workman will produce a given finish with fewer operations than a less experienced man. Hence, the following suggestions are only general. In certain cases wheel speeds have been suggested; where they have not, a speed of 5,000 to 6,000 s.f.m. will be satisfactory. For polishing steel, use first a No. 120 abrasive on a dry-rag wheel, followed with a No. 150 on a greased-rag wheel, and finally with No. 180 on a greased-rag or sheepskin wheel. The article can then be buffed with No. 180 emery cake or paste on a Tampico brush wheel. Rough steel castings or forgings, can be given a preliminary rough polishing



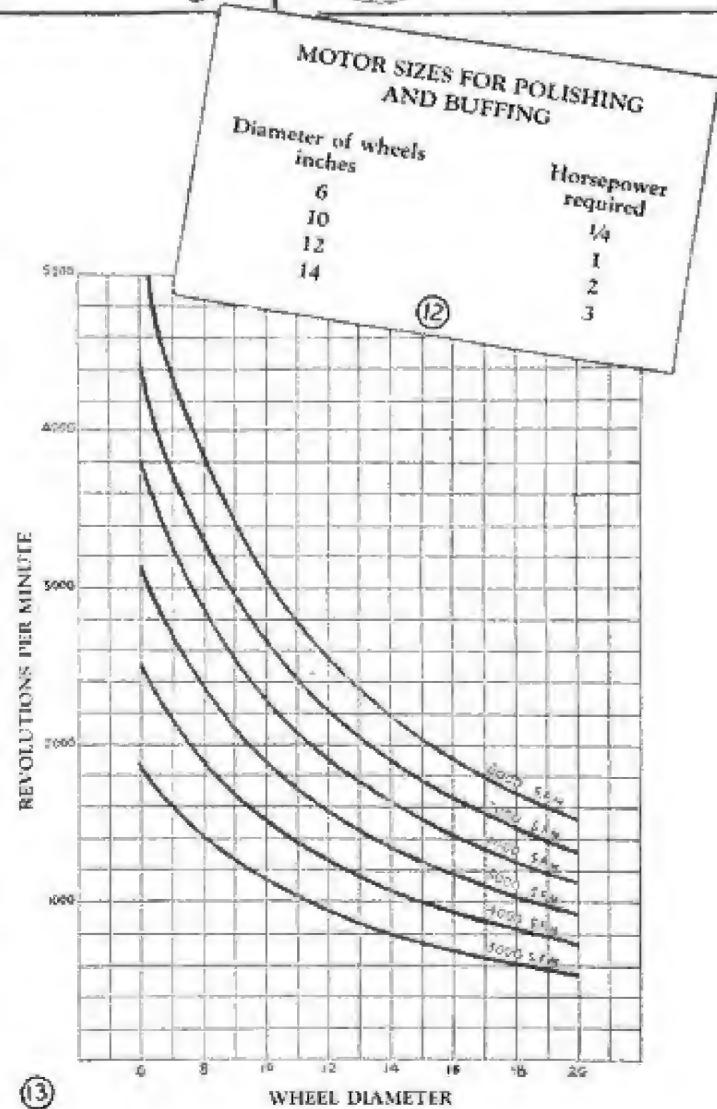


with a No. 60 polishing wheel. This gives a final finish which is suitable for plating. Generally synthetic aluminum-oxide grits are used for the polishing and the first buffing operations on stainless steel. Tripoli may also be used for buffing, and the highest luster developed with chromium-oxide or green rouge. A suggested sequence of operations would be polishing with No. 90 and No. 120 artificial alumina on dry-rag polishing wheels, a final polish with No. 180 on a greased polishing wheel, and buffing with tripoli. For a mirror finish, the article is buffed again with very fine aluminum-oxide buffering compound, and finally with green rouge. For a satin finish the final operation is brushing with pumice on a Tampico brush.

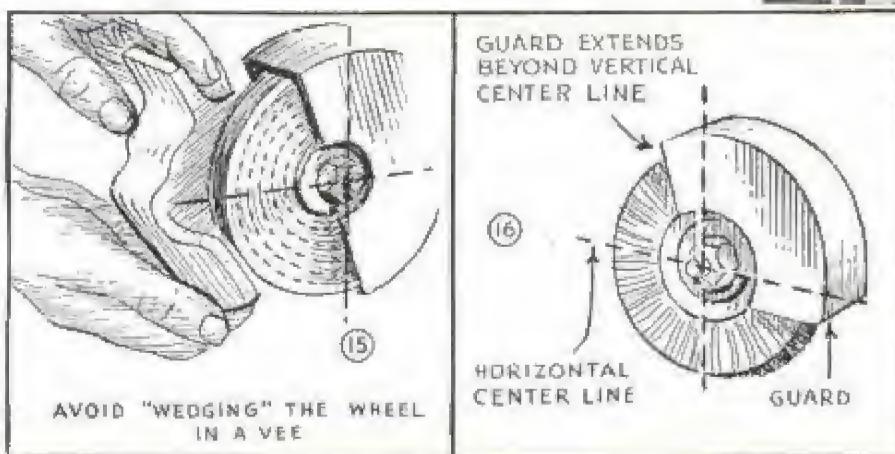
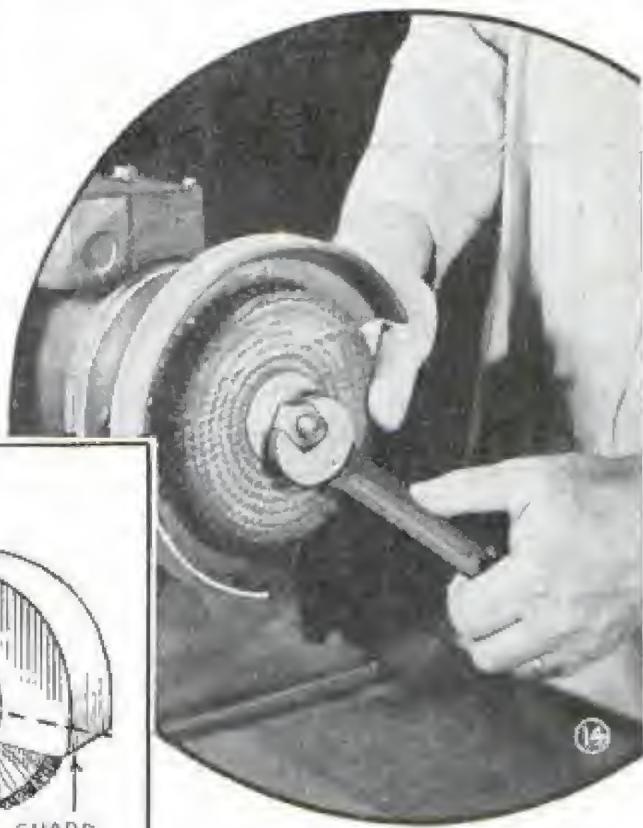
Brass, being softer, will usually require fewer polishing and buffing operations. Castings can be polished with No. 80 and No. 120 and finally with No. 180 on a greased wheel, and then buffed with an emery-grease compound. Stampings can be polished similarly at 5,500 or 6,000 s.f.m. and then buffed on a loose muslin buff at a slower speed, such as 4,000 s.f.m. Buffing may be done with fine tripoli. For nickel-plating there should be a final buffing with lime on a muslin or linen wheel, after which the buffing compounds are cleaned

off and the article is plated. Castings may be buffed also with tripoli and lime.

Aluminum is very soft, and hence it is desirable to lubricate all the finer polishing wheels used on aluminum to prevent tearing of the metal. All wheels finer than No. 120 used on aluminum should be greased. The wheel is greased by applying a tallow stick or cake to its surface while it is running. Kerosene is sometimes used as a lubricant. Aluminum articles should be pol-



ished at 5,500 s.f.m. using Nos. 80, 120 and 180 grits on the wheels. The No. 80 wheel may be used dry. Then the work is buffed with tripoli and lime on a muslin buff, and finally with rouge. The buffing operations can be carried out at a somewhat higher speed, 7,000-7,500 s.f.m. Scratch-brushing at low speeds, 600 r.p.m. with a 6-in. brush, produces a dull gray finish. A satin finish can be produced by brushing with fine alumina on a Tampico brush at 3,000 s.f.m. A



similar finish can be produced on brass or steel with pumice and water at 3,000 s.f.m.

Zinc die castings can be polished with No. 120 grits then buffed with tripoli, and finally buffed at 6,000 s.f.m. with a soft buffing compound. As an alternative final operation, zinc articles can be brushed with fine pumice and water on a Tampico brush at a low speed. Zinc-plated surfaces can be buffed with tripoli and lime. Nickel and copper-plated surfaces should be buffed with lime on a soft wheel, and then with rouge. A nickel surface which is to be chromium-plated requires careful buffing, as the final finish will show up any marks left after buffing. Monel metal can be buffed with fine emery cake, then tripoli,

then with lime or chromium-oxide rouge.

Where buffing and polishing is done with a small bench grinder, such as that shown in Figs. 9 and 14, some precaution must be taken to assure safety as well as good work. First see that the guard is set properly to clear the work, Figs. 9 and 16. Then make sure that the wheel is tight on the shaft and that it runs true, Fig. 14. Some grinders of this type may require an extra washer to hold cloth buffering wheels. Figs. 11 and 15 show two things to avoid in any polishing or buffering operation. In either case should the wheel run against a square edge or into a vee in the casting or other object, the work is likely to be thrown from the hands with dangerous force.

Parking-Garage Charts Give Customers Lubrication Data

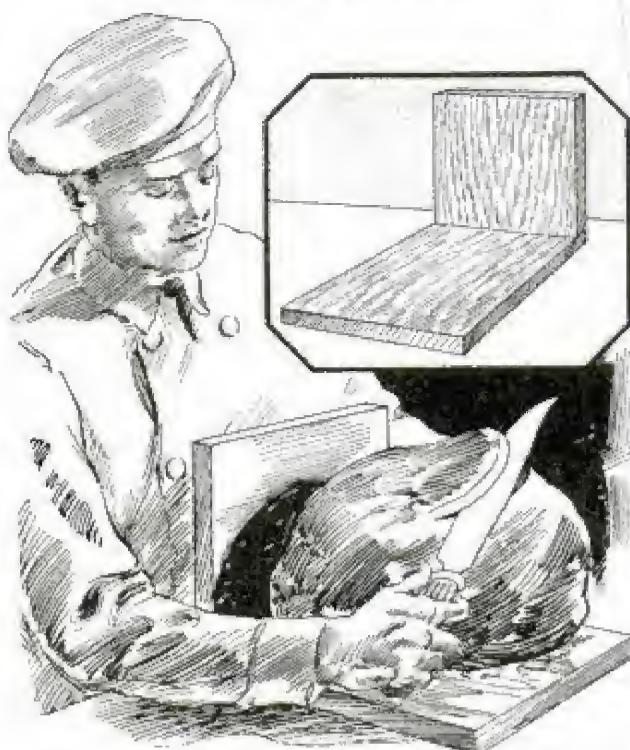
For the convenience of his customers, one owner of a parking garage has a blackboard hung on the wall at each parking stall showing the customer's name, stall number and the mileage at which the car should be greased and the oil changed. The garageman claims that his customers appreciate this service and they give him most of their lubrication jobs.

—Opie Read, Jr., Chicago.



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Meat-Slicing Board for Chefs Protects Clothes



Two blocks joined at right angles provide handy board to hold meat while slicing it

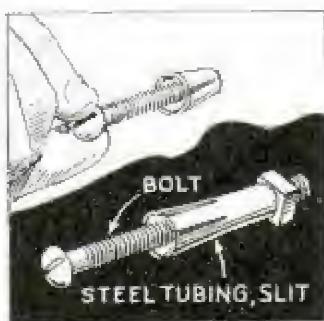
In restaurants this slicing board enables a chef to hold a roast or ham rigidly and in a sanitary manner, without any possibility of cutting himself, even when pulling the knife toward him. And, as the board consists of two wood blocks joined at right angles, two cutting surfaces are provided so that the meat can be laid down or stood up vertically.

Expansive Bolt from Tubing and Long Machine Screw

The next time you want to use a bolt in a place where it is impossible to start the

nut, use an expansive bolt made as follows: Take a short piece of steel tubing, make several slits from one end to the center, and slip it over a long machine screw as indicated.

Then run the nut on the end of the screw, drill your hole large enough to take the nut and push the assembly in place. When tightened by



turning the screw, the slit end of the tubing will spread against the back of the work so that the bolt can be tightened.

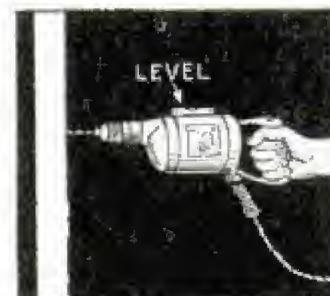
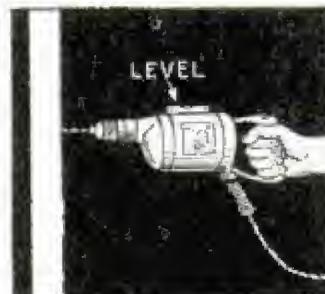
Portions of Metal Tube Annealed with Resistance Wire

To anneal certain portions of monel-metal tubes so that they could be bent, I did the job by using coils of resistance wire. The coils were stretched slightly to separate the turns, after which they were coated with refractory cement to insulate them. After the cement had dried, they were inserted into the tube and connected to the 110-volt line. The wire quickly heats the tubes to a light red heat, which is ample for monel metal or steel.

—H. G. Pack, Los Angeles, Calif.



Level on Electric Drill

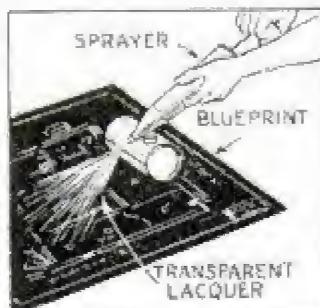


Workmen who have trouble in drilling a hole straight horizontally with an electric drill, can overcome this difficulty by mounting a small level on top of the drill housing as indicated. The level should be mounted parallel with the shank.

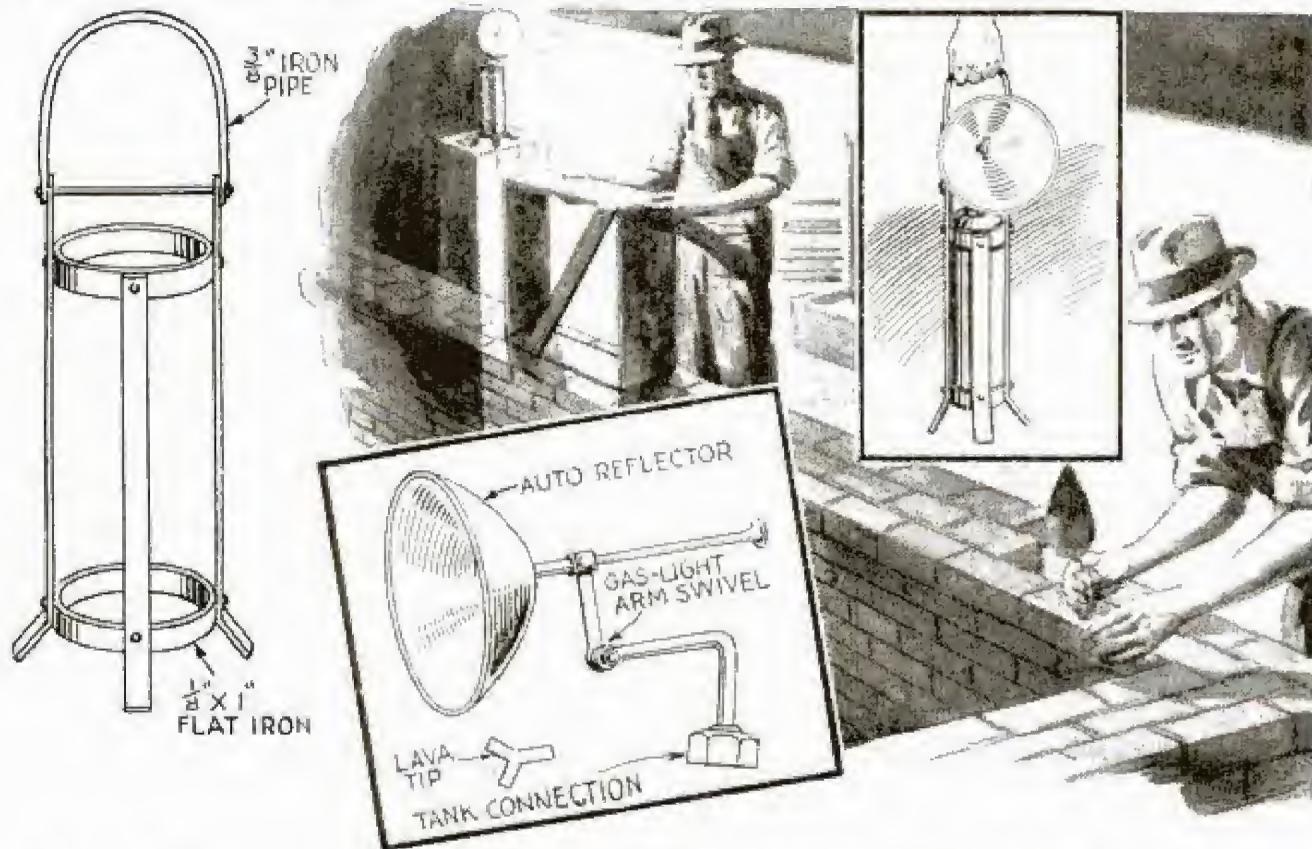
—Joseph Chalala, Lancaster, Pa.

Blueprints Sprayed with Lacquer

Immediately after getting blueprints for a job, an Arizona contractor applies a thin coating of transparent lacquer to them with a small insect sprayer. He claims that this waterproofs the prints, gives them a tough coating which makes them tear-resistant, and also permits them to be cleaned easily with a damp cloth.



Portable Gas Lamp Illuminates a Large Area



On rush construction jobs where gas or electricity is unavailable for night illumination, this portable gas light is just the thing. It consists of an old auto headlight reflector, a swiveled gas light fitting and lava tip, and a "basket" or holder made of flat iron, for the pressure tank. The latter can be of the generating type used on autos before the storage battery came into

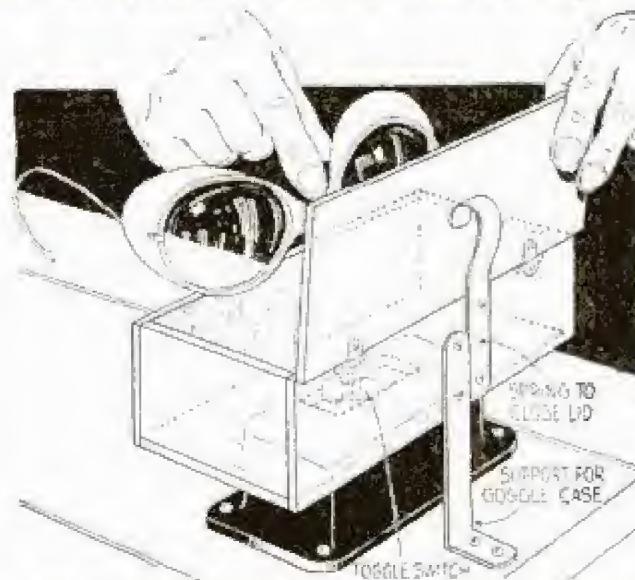
universal use. The holder is provided with a swinging bail or handle and the whole thing is riveted together as shown. The height and inside diameter must be made to suit the tank at hand. The latter is held in place with wedges. There should be a shut-off cock in the swiveled arm so that the gas pressure can be controlled.

—A. Campbell, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

Goggle Case on Grinder Switch Reminder to Protect Eyes

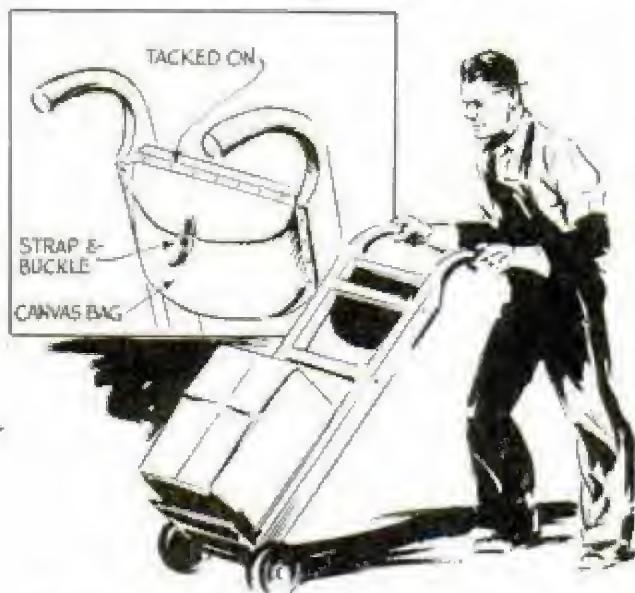
Do you forget sometimes to put on a pair of goggles when using a grinding wheel? If so, make a case of light wood to hold the goggles and mount it over the grinder switch so that the goggles have to be removed before the switch can be turned on. If the switch is located so that a case cannot be used, remove it and mount it on the grinder bench or table. Provide the box with a tight-fitting cover to keep out dust. It's best to use a spring, as indicated, to close the cover so that it will not be left open.—W. C. Wilhite, Carlinville, Ill.

GAn easy way to clean carved furniture is to rub it with an old toothbrush dipped in furniture polish.



Case must be opened and goggles removed before grinder switch can be operated

Bag on Handles of Push Truck to Carry Papers



Papers are always at hand for reference, are not mislaid and are protected against soiling

Fastened to the underside of the handles of a push truck, a canvas bag similar to a boy scout's knapsack provides a good place to carry papers when using the truck to gather merchandise from a warehouse floor. By keeping the papers in the bag, they will not be inadvertently mislaid and are not likely to become soiled.

Steel Rule Held on Your Arm for Production Work



When a number of small parts are to be dressed to measure on an emery wheel, the mechanic will find that a bicyclist's trouser guard soldered to a steel rule will hold the rule conveniently on his forearm in position for taking measurements. This leaves both hands free for the work in operation.

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Ant Exterminator

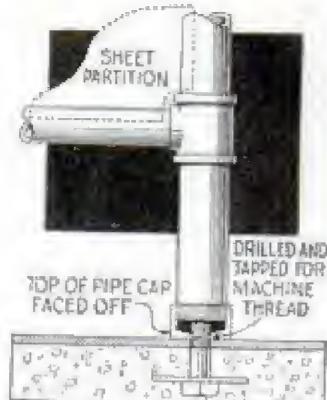
Paradichlorbenzene is effective as an ant exterminator. For this purpose one pound of the crystals are dissolved in carbon tetrachloride or kerosene, 2 qts., and the solution poured into the ant holes. If carbon tetrachloride is used, the solution has the

advantage of being non-inflammable. A chemical often used for this purpose is carbon disulphide; however, this substance is poisonous and dangerously inflammable. Ants may be prevented from entering buildings by sprinkling oil of sassafras around the entrance.

Pipe Supports for Partitions Anchored to Concrete

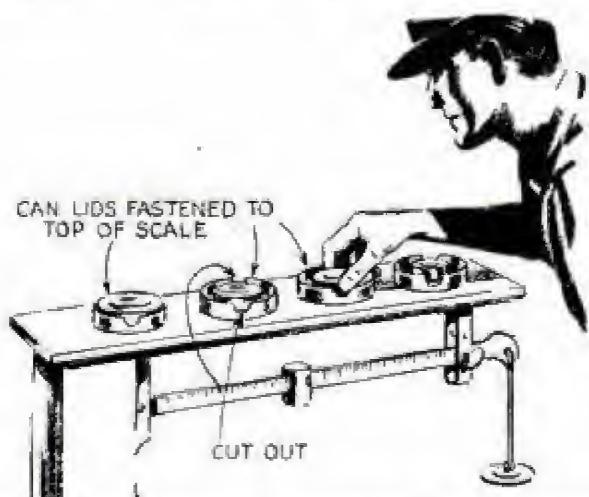
Instead of using three or four bolts and a plate to anchor each standard of a pipe-supported partition to a concrete floor, use a pipe cap and one bolt as shown. You'll find that this method results in a neater job than if plates are used. It also saves labor as only one hole has to be drilled in the floor for each standard.

—L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y.



Weights in Can Lids on Scales Can't Fall to Floor

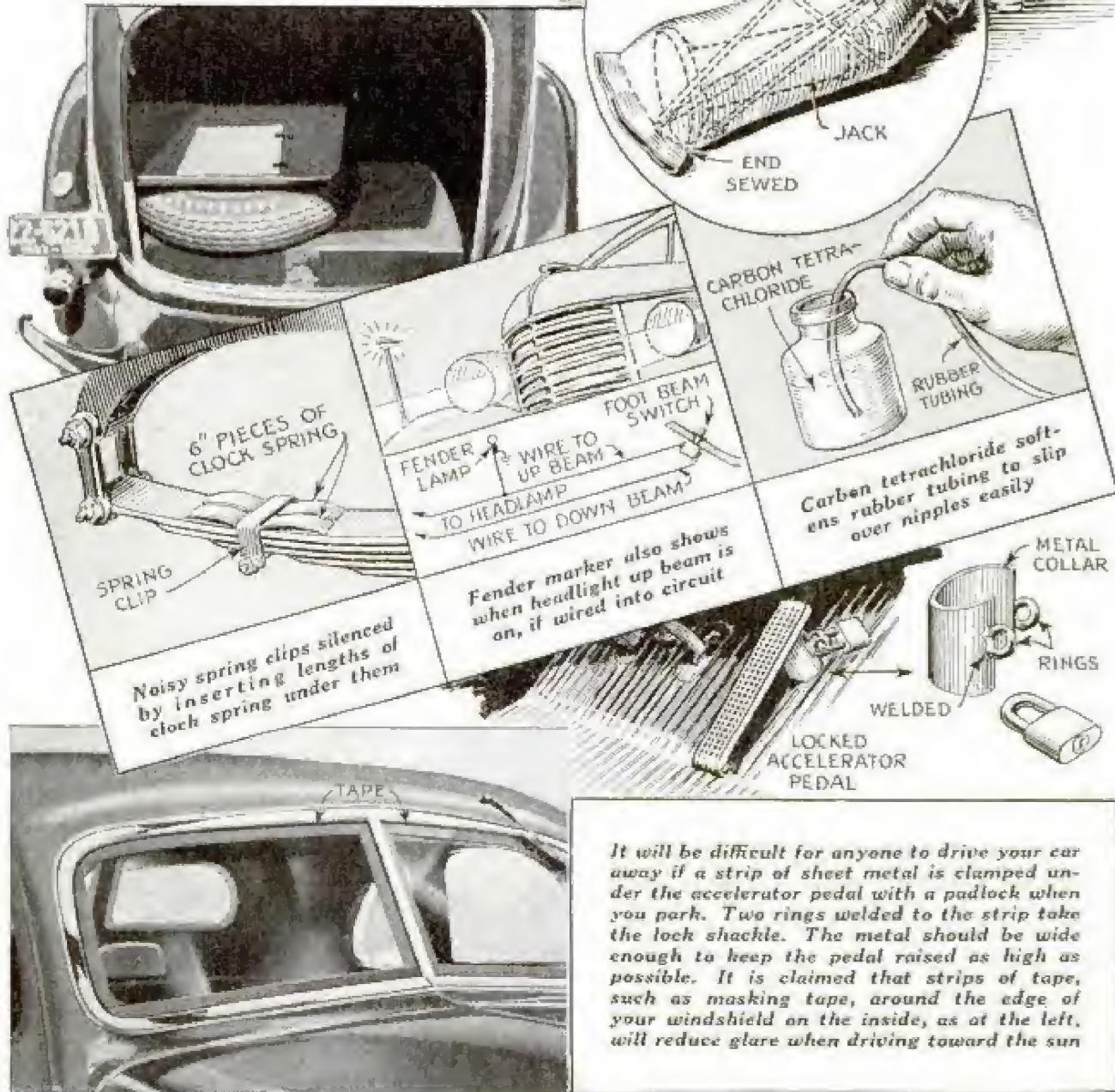
Placed in can lids screwed to the top of a platform scale, weights are always neatly arranged for quick selection, and there is no danger of them being knocked off on your feet. Portions of the lids should be cut out on opposite sides so that the fingers can grip the weights easily.



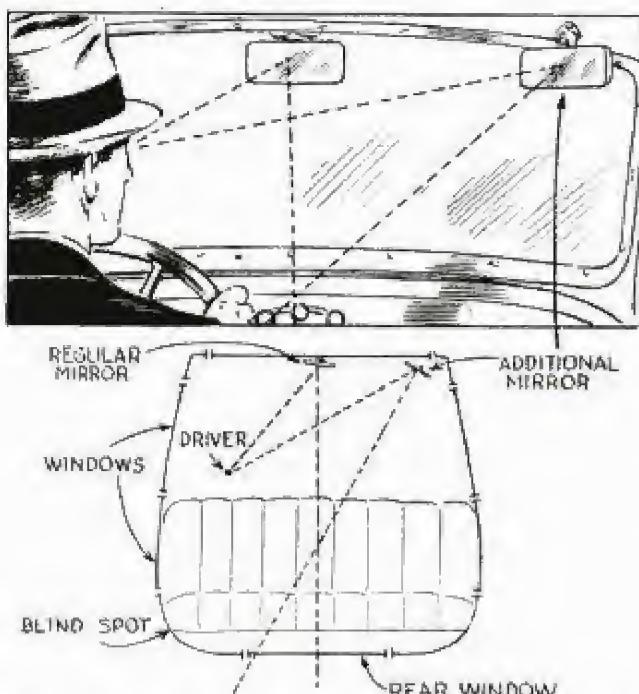
These scale weights are separated for quick selection and there's no danger of knocking them off

Helps for the MOTORIST

Your jack and handle will be kept in a neat bundle if encased in a rubber sack—an inner tube sewed together at one end. The sack prevents marring or tangling with other tools, and its compactness permits easy removal from the tool compartment. Below, a trap door in the shelf above spare tire increases trunk space as it allows small articles to be stored in the hub and wheel.



Extra Rear-View Mirror Reduces Part of Blind Spot Behind Car

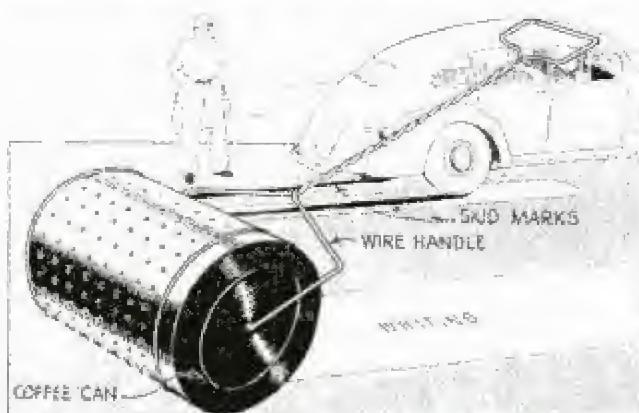


Extra mirror at right-hand corner of windshield permits driver to see car about to pass on left side

By attaching an extra rear-view mirror near the upper right-hand corner of the windshield, you will be able to see a car that is about to pass on the left side. This is especially true on coupes and convertible sedans, which usually have small rear windows. An extra mirror has helped me avoid several accidents by making it possible to see a car coming up behind me on the left.—Richard A. Ehrmin, Toledo, Ohio.

Powdered Whiting on Floor for Brake Testing

When testing newly adjusted brakes by skidding the tires on the garage floor, one



Tire marks show clearly when skidding wheels to test brakes if whiting is spread on floor

mechanic sprinkles powdered whiting on the floor so that the skid mark of each tire can be seen clearly. To save time in applying the whiting, a perforated coffee can with a removable wire handle is used.

Electrical Outlet on Dash Panel Has Many Uses

I mounted a single-circuit radio jack on the dash panel of my car and found that it provided a handy electrical outlet for quickly attaching a defroster, trouble light, etc.

One side of the jack is wired to the ammeter and the other is grounded. Of course, it will be necessary to fit each appliance cord with a special plug to fit the jack.

—Charles E. Travers, Titusville, N. J.

Identification Papers Carried on Rear-Window Curtain

To assure that my registration, insurance and identification papers will always be in the car with little possibility of them being lost, I keep them rolled up in the curtain of the rear window. The curtain is merely pulled down part way and the edges of the papers stuck under the roller, after which the curtain is rolled up.

—Erwin E. Williams, So. Windham, Me.

Protecting Elbows on Oil Filters When Removing Them

When installing or removing certain types of oil filters, I have often experienced trouble by accidentally crushing the brass elbows. To avoid this, I drive a cap



screw into each one to strengthen it. After the filter is in place, the cap screws are removed.

—Allan Clisbee, Petaluma, Calif.

Mechanic's Extension Lamp Has Rubber Handle

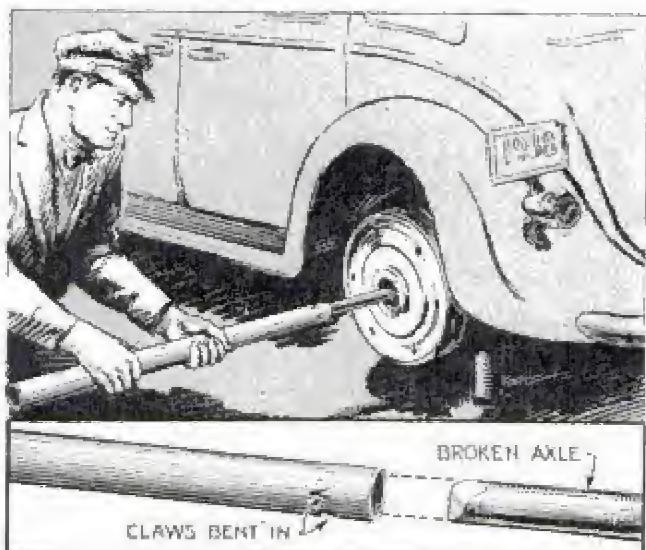


Slipped over the cord of an extension lamp as indicated, a bicycle handlebar grip provides a good grip for the lamp that tends to insulate the wire and helps to avoid wear on the covering. A coil spring or a spiral of heavy wire is first slipped over the cord and the end soldered to the socket, then the rubber is pushed in place, the lower end being drilled to take the cord.

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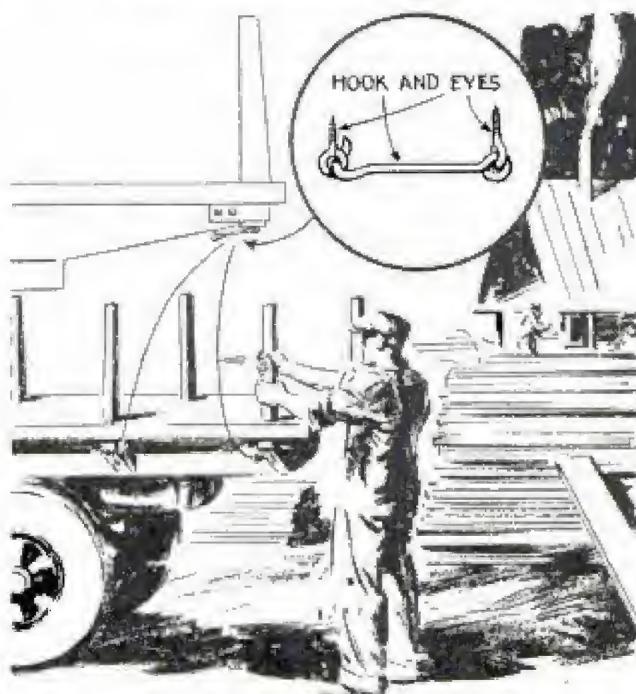
Claws Cut in Old Exhaust Pipe Pull Broken Axle Shaft

Sharp triangular claws cut with a cold chisel in an exhaust pipe will grip and remove a broken axle shaft from a housing. The pipe should be one that is just small enough to slip into the housing, and the claws should be sprung in far enough to give them plenty of "bite" even though they may contact only the smallest diameter of the axle.



When this pipe is pushed over end of broken axle, it grips the metal so that shaft can be pulled out

Stakes in Body of Truck Held by Hooks and Screw Eyes



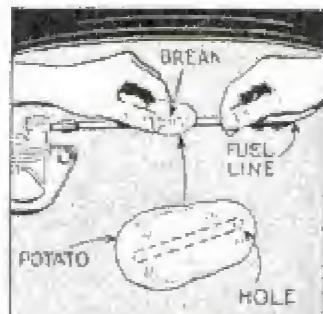
Stakes in truck body can't jump out when held by these hooks, yet are easily removed to load truck

To avoid the tendency of stakes to jump out of a truck body when driving over rough ground, I anchored them with large hooks and screw eyes. The hooks are attached to the cross members of the body and the screw eyes are driven into the lower ends of the stakes.

—Virgil J. Mara, Prairie du Chien, Wis.

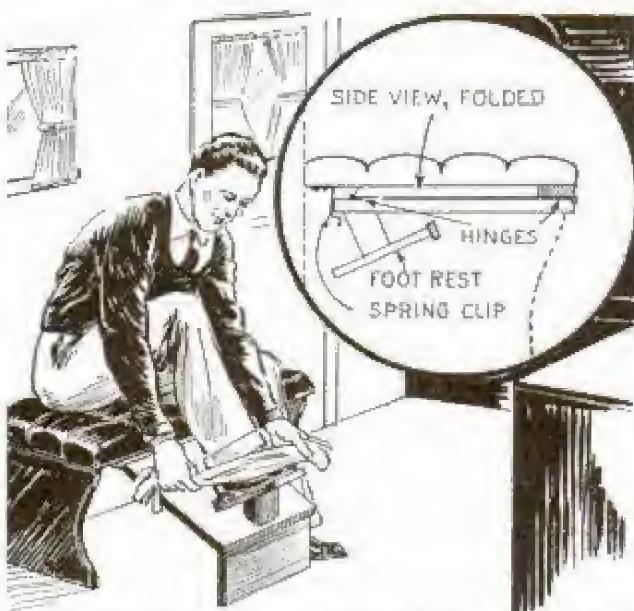
Gas Line Repaired in Emergency with Raw Potato

If you have a gas-line fracture or break-in-two on the road, and there is no material at hand to make a temporary repair, a small, raw potato slipped over the break will enable you to drive to a garage. A hole can be reamed through the potato with the small blade of a pocketknife to take the tubing snugly. Care should be taken when inserting the ends to avoid scraping off small particles of the potato, which might get into the fuel line and clog it.



—Ivan J. Stretton, Detroit, Mich.

Shoe-Shining Stand in Trailer Folds Out of Sight



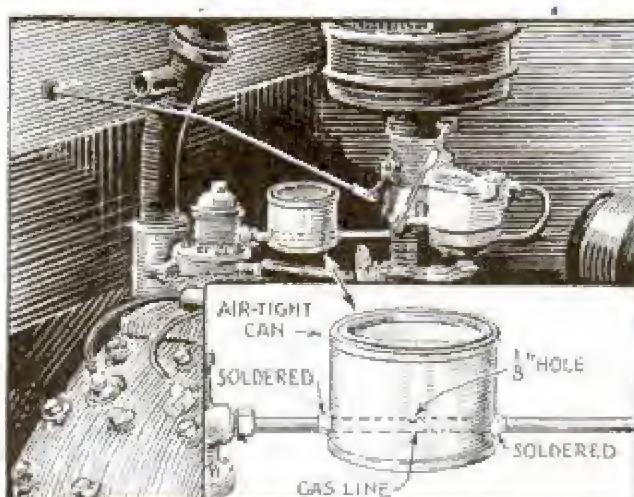
With this stand, you can sit comfortably on a seat while shining your shoes

Folding up under one of the seats in a trailer, this hinged stand is instantly lowered to support your foot while shining the shoe. It is held under the seat by a spring clip, which was shaped from a piece of clock spring. If desired, a shallow drawer to hold polishing paste, brushes and daubers, can be fitted to pull out from under the seat.

—Kenneth Murray, Sturgis, Mich.

Air Dome in Fuel Line of Car Increases Mileage

Working on the same principle as the air dome in fire-engine water pumps, this small dome on the gasoline line between

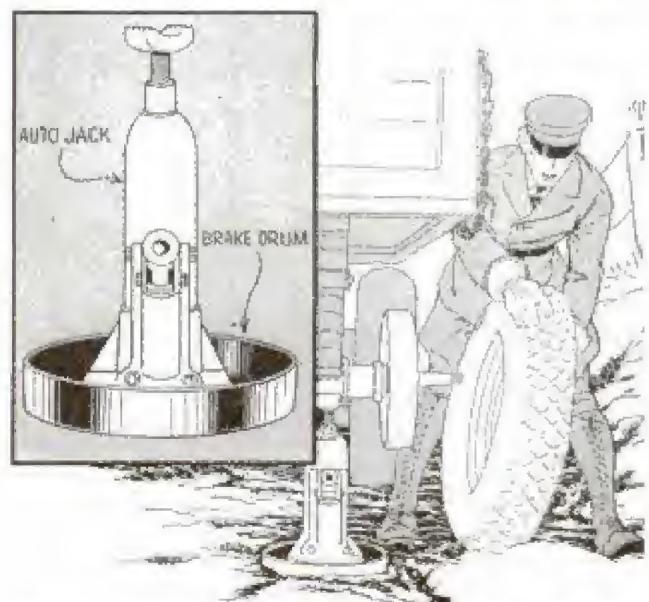


Air dome in gas line eliminates pump pulsations, which often cause uneven motor operation

the fuel pump and the carburetor minimizes surging of the fuel in the carburetor. This in turn maintains a uniform fuel mixture by eliminating rising and falling of the gasoline level. The dome is a small can with a press-fit lid, and is pierced on opposite sides to let the gas line pass through. Piercing is better than drilling as the torn metal forms a good foundation when soldering the line to the can. A $\frac{1}{8}$ -in. hole is drilled in one side of the line inside the can.—C. E. Packer, Chicago.

Brake Drum Supports Auto Jack on Soft Ground

A discarded brake drum provides a dandy support for the jack when a truck wheel has to be raised on soft or spongy



Brake drum carried in toolbox always at hand to support jack when changing tire on soft ground

ground to change a tire. The drum can be stored in the toolbox where it will always be at hand when needed.

Erratic "Miss" in Motor Traced to Shorted Distributor Wire

An erratic miss in some motors is often caused by a short-circuit between the low-tension distributor wire and the clip that holds it on the valve push-rod cover. The wire is fairly taut and movement of the rubber-cushioned motor soon chafes the wire. Heavy wrappings of tape at this point usually stop the trouble.

—Emil J. Novak, Omaha, Nebr.

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ON WEEK-ENDS, Bill's a candid camera fan. On week days he "pounds the streets." "You have to keep the pressure on to get along, selling," he says. "When my energy begins to fail, I get a quick, pleasant 'lift' with a Camel."

ONE SMOKER
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"Camels"

"I've never been very fussy about cigarettes myself. Do you think that Camels are really as different as some people say, Bill?"



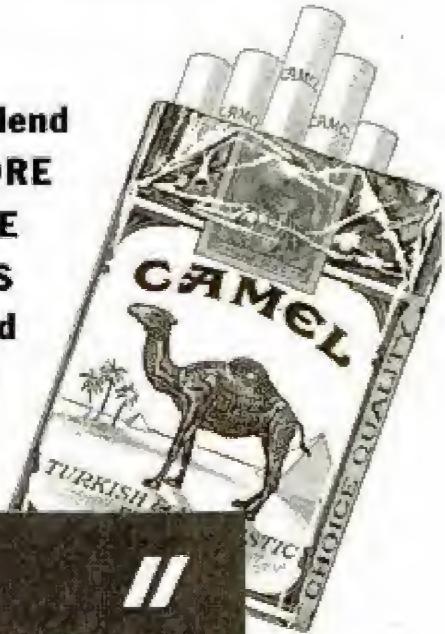
"You bet they are, John! A fellow in any work as hard as selling has to figure a lot of angles on his smoking, such as how it agrees with him. And just notice how many salesmen smoke Camels. I changed to Camels—smoked 'em steadily—and I found a distinct difference in the way I enjoyed all-day smoking and in the way I felt. Camels agree with me!"

A FRIEND DROPS IN to see Bill. Daly passes the Camels and answers a question about smoking: "That all-cigarettes-are-alike talk doesn't square with my experience. Steady smoking is the test that shows Camels in a class by themselves. They don't make my nerves 'edgy.'"

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Bad Weather Photography

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photographer have much idea of his picture until the prints are made. Since lightning is extremely brilliant, the camera lens can be well stopped down.

Snow photography is hardly bad-weather photography, because as a rule the camera worker waits for the snow to stop and the sun to come out so that there is an interesting play of light and shadow. Most amateurs have pictured snow by day, but few try it at night by the light of street lamps. This is unfortunate, for many interesting and striking effects can be obtained by time exposures at night. Such

for picturing rain can be applied—choose an angle at which light is caught and imprisoned within the icicles. This effect is more marked if the sun is shining, and it can be made stronger, in cases where the icicles are pictured with the sky as a background, if a deep red filter is used over the lens. With such a filter, the sky comes out black. The filter cuts off much light, so exposures must be several times longer than normal.

Supersensitive panchromatic film is useful in most bad-weather photography, because of its speed, but when the photographer is picturing fog and mist, he should use one of the ordinary or chrome-type films. This film intensifies the whiteness and atmospheric quality of the mist, while panchromatic film has a tendency to "cut through" haze and vapor, reducing its brightness.

If you wish to picture bad weather and can't find any, make your own on a table top, using windblown twigs for trees, cotton for snow, and zigzags of white paper on dark cardboard for lightning. Moreover, if you have trouble getting rain into your negatives, you can still put it into your prints. The trick is this: before the sheet of enlarging paper is put on the enlarger easel, brush it lightly, in a swift straight motion, with a wet sponge, so that little streaks and droplets of plain water are distributed over the surface. Then print, and the streaks show up white and gray—not the equivalent of genuine rain, but often amusing.



Street lamps reflected on wet pavement enhance an otherwise dull scene; three-minute exposure at f.16

street-light pictures depend for quality almost entirely on the photographer's choice of viewpoint, and the way in which he works tree branches, masses of snow-laden shrubbery, and shadows into his picture composition. Exposures are necessarily long—the average will be about fifteen or twenty minutes with a box camera or a focusing camera set at f.16 or f.11. The photographer should select a quiet street and stay close by to place a hand over the lens whenever automobiles pass—otherwise their headlights may produce parallel horizontal streaks of white in the picture. Passers-by will not appear in the picture, unless, perchance, they pause for a minute or two under a street light. Then the print may contain a "ghost" or two.

In photography of ice and icicles, the rule

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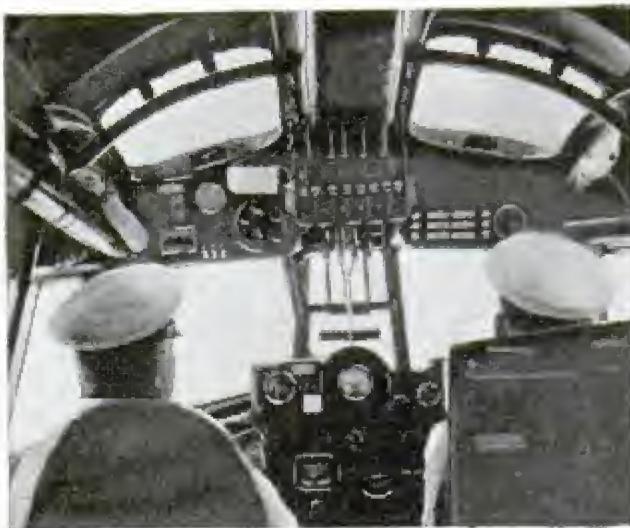
*Velvet packs easy in a pipe
Rolls smooth in a cigarette
Draws right in both*

Flying the China Clippers

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captain, sitting in his office off the chart room, is writing up the ship's log and is assembling data for the coming radio report. Meanwhile the radio officer at his panels right behind the bridge has just contacted Alameda and has been given a bearing from the shore station.

The report that the radio officer will pound out on his key will include the temperature and altitude, wind velocity and turbulence of the air, latitude and longitude and how the position was ascertained such as by dead reckoning or by a line of position crossed by a radio bearing, the



First officer and junior right officer at the controls of clipper in Right

ground speed in knots, the general state of the weather, the intended course for the next half hour, kind and height of cloud masses, and condition of the sea if visible. Half an hour later, with the clipper continuing to close in on the coast, the captain will prepare an abridged report so the land bases can keep exact track of the plane.

If the navigator finds that a cross wind is setting him off his course he tosses a glass bomb filled with aluminum powder out of a cabin window. Shattering on the surface, the bomb spreads the light powder out into a shimmering spot and this can be followed by means of a drift indicator set up in the window. After dark a chemical that flames on the water, instead of aluminum powder, is used. When he has estimated his drift, the navigator can calculate a course that compensates for the cross wind.

One hundred miles out from the terminal starts the meticulous work of making

an accurate landfall. At the radio officer's request the naval radio compass stations at Point Reyes, Montara Point, and the Farallon Islands swing their loops to tune in his signals. They triangulate their bearings and radio back to the flying boat its exact position. At the same time Pan American's own direction-finding station takes a series of radio bearings on the plane and radios back the "on course" report. As long as the bearings remain the same, the captain knows that he is flying directly toward the direction-finding station. In thick weather the plane operator locks his key fifty miles offshore so that the air line's shore station can take continuous bearings until the plane arrives overhead, when the signal "R" is sent to the plane to indicate its position.

The radio operator stands watch constantly while the plane is in the air and he can receive and transmit on eleven different frequencies. He uses two receiving sets and two transmitting sets in which wavelength changes are made with fixed coils. He guards the 600-meter band and one of the short-wave bands with split receivers.

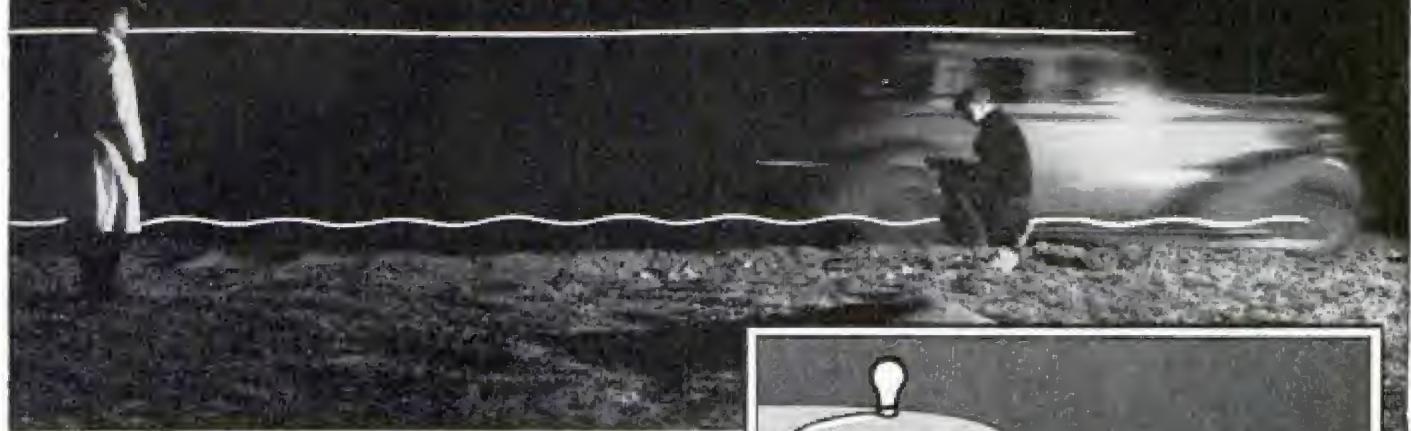
The equipment permits communication on twenty-four, thirty-six, fifty-eight and 100 meters as well as "working" waves for these frequencies. Six hundred meters are used for working ships at sea, and 183 meters and 800 meters are used for radio compass and directional signals. The plane also is equipped for communicating on 1,000 meters, the international calling band for aircraft. Like all other aircraft, the planes have call letters of five symbols. The China Clipper, for instance, is KHAGV and the Hawaii Clipper is KHABZ.

To insure the utmost reliability over long distances, the clippers communicate with dot-and-dash code instead of by voice. All radio work and, in fact, all operations work is based on Greenwich time.

Between Alameda and Honolulu the operator may contact as many as a dozen surface ships and exchange weather and bearings with them. Every fifteen minutes he radios a flight "O.K." to the terminal bases, sends a position report every half hour, and the complete weather and position report on the even hours.

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Tracer Lights in Night Photo Show Level Knee-Action Ride



TO OBTAIN a visual record of the ride-leveling effects of individual front wheel suspension, or Knee-Action, Chevrolet engineers resorted to night photography, and made the car itself trace its ride diagrams on camera plates.

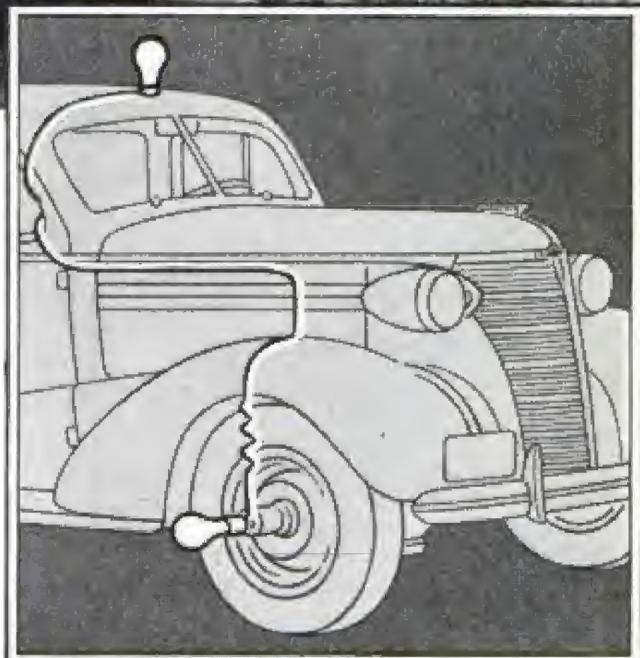
The tests were made at the proving ground, a Knee-Action Chevrolet being run at varying speeds over a specially constructed stretch of concrete paving having a washboard surface. To trace the indicator lines, two electric lights were used, one mounted on top of the body and the other attached to the end of the front wheel spindle.

To record the graph of the ride, the camera was placed well back from the track, far enough to include several car lengths in its field. As the car approached, the camera shutter was opened and held open while the car passed across the field of exposure. Positive prints of the negative show two lines of white on a black background, one tracing the travel of the front wheel, the other showing the path followed by the body. The front wheel is shown to have followed the road surface closely, moving up and down at a high rate, while the car body was virtually unaffected by the bumps in the road.

The night photograph at the top of this page was obtained in the manner just described except that a flash bulb was set off as the car was about to leave the field of the camera, so that the car itself

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Top—The upper line shows the body movement, the lower line the up-and-down movement of the front wheel, of a Knee-Action car on a washboard road. Bottom—Tracer lights are mounted on the roof and on the front wheel spindle.

was photographed on the same plate with the previously recorded tracer lines.

By turning the illustration sidewise and sighting along the line made by the light on the body, one can note waves of far less amplitude and frequency than those made by the light on the wheel spindle. The diagram thus affords visual proof of the ride-leveling effects of Knee-Action.

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The fifty-watt transmitters take their power from a dynamotor operating off the ship's batteries which are charged in flight by generators attached to the engines. A small gasoline motor provides a charging source for the batteries if the plane comes down on the water. The flying boat carries two fixed fore-and-aft antennas for short-wave work and a trailing antenna for 600-meter communication. A kite is carried for raising the 600-meter aerial into the air while the plane is on the surface.

Two operators are on constant watch at each of Pan American's land bases, one

been used by sailing ships for hundreds of years, a shorter Great Circle course used by steamships, and a southern route. Frequently a plane can carry greater cargo and make faster time by flying one of the longer routes because favoring winds help boost it along.

Often the best time can be made by changing altitude to take advantage of local winds. Instructions may read: "Fly the first 700 miles at 7,800 feet, go up to 10,000 feet for 800 miles, and complete the balance of the flight at 7,800 feet." After such a calculation the operations department can tell to within a few minutes how long a flight should last. As soon as the experts know how long the plane will have to be in the air they can gauge the amount of fuel and oil needed, adding a reserve supply sufficient for six hours additional flight. This fuel weight, subtracted from the total permissible load, gives them the exact possible payload.

Next step is to phone the post office to find out how much mail is to be carried. Subtracting that poundage from the payload leaves a balance that can be used for passengers and express.

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Next he is transferred back to Miami and is given command of a Sikorsky with the rating of "Master of Coastwise Flying Boats." Next to the last step is a return to the Pacific where he becomes first officer on the permanent run. One more examination brings him the title of "Master of Ocean Flying Boats."

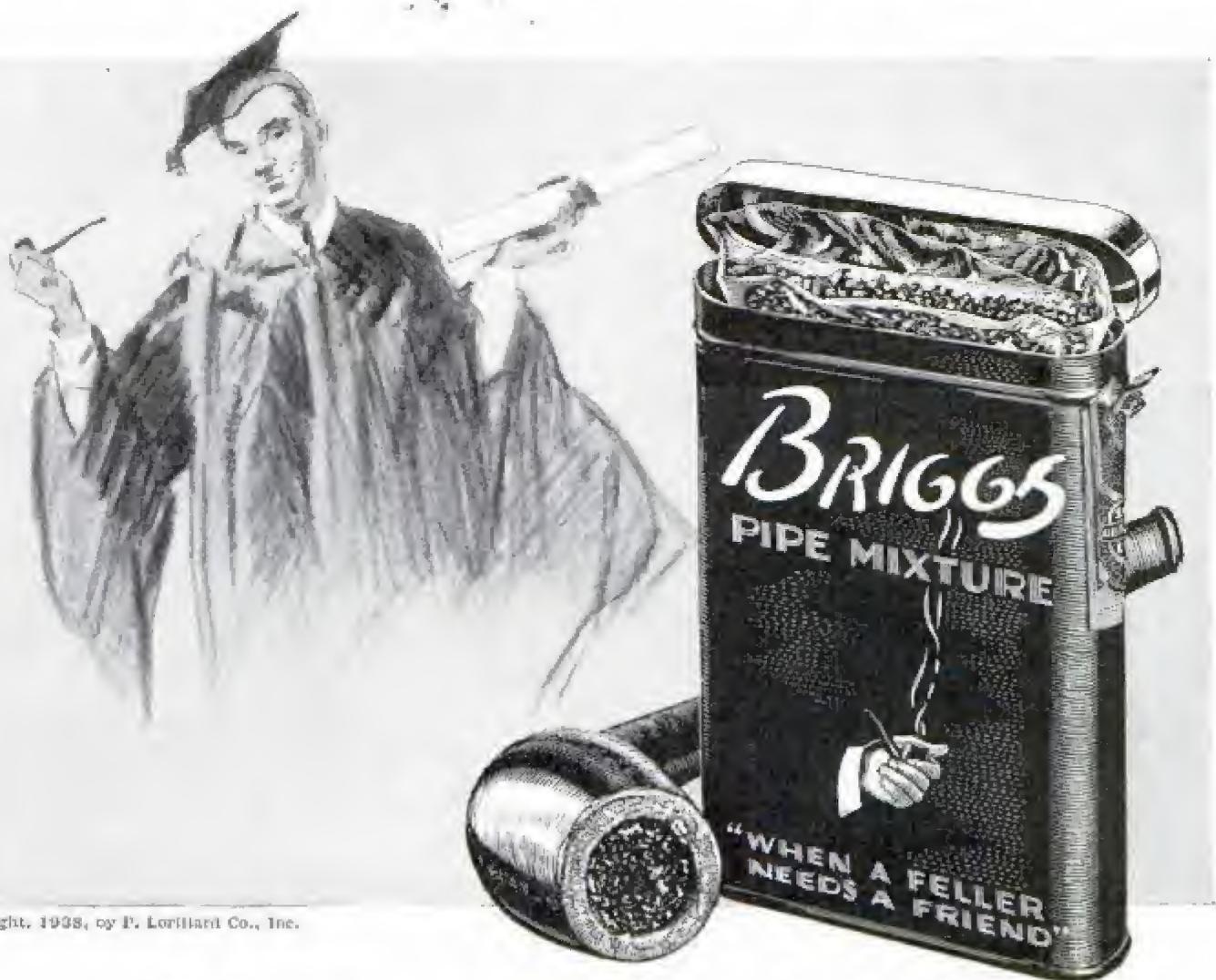


Schedule board at the Alameda station shows movements of all the flying boats

guarding the communication frequency and the other standing by on the direction-finding set. Radio bearings are taken on an approaching clipper every half hour and these are stepped up to several bearings per minute as the plane approaches the station.

The captain of a clipper always knows the best altitudes at which to fly, the speeds that he is going to make, and even the exact time he will arrive at the next stop. This precise knowledge is made possible by studying the weather as far as a week in advance.

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Now You See It, Now You Don't

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to one side of the point at which you are looking. The moral is that when you are driving a car you must keep both eyes open and on the move.

When you get tired, you may be virtually blind in the tail of the eye, which means you no longer are safe behind the wheel of a car, nor at your job at a factory bench. In a wire-cloth factory, ninety-six per cent of the workmen were able to pass army and navy eye tests; but further examination revealed that three out of four had eyes that began to play tricks when fatigue set in. Early in the morning, they tested high, but by lunch time they were partially blind to motion. After lunch, their vision came back to normal, only to fail again toward quitting time.

Another surprising recent discovery is that the visual field is wider for some colors than for others. You will see an approaching fire engine sooner than a green or black truck. A smart football coach would have his men wear green uniforms. Red ones, on the other hand, would be so conspicuous they would make things much easier for the opposing team's interference.

The tail of the eye is amazingly sensitive to the body's general condition. Fatigue, hysteria, infections, or poisons taken into the body—all dull the sight, especially vision for moving objects. Often this condition shows up first by making the eye very unresponsive to certain colors. In testing for poor tail-of-the-eye vision, Dr. Charles A. Pons, Los Angeles optometrist, first checks the field with different colored targets. A telltale dullness to green may warn of infections or faulty diet.

Individuals vary as to their ability to withstand various poisons. Most people are adversely affected by alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. Some have peculiar sensitivity to unexpected substances. Some people's eyes go bad in a room where there is wet wallpaper, because of arsenic or other substances released.

"Limping" eyes may cause many automobile crashes, experts are beginning to suspect. Not long ago, orders went out from the office of Paul Mason, chief of the division of drivers' licenses of the California Motor Vehicle Department, that all applicants are to have their eyes examined

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separately. If your eyes show more than twenty points difference between them, you must either wear glasses, or be treated as a one-eye person and carry an extra rear-view mirror on the blind side. Tests have shown that imbalance of the eye muscles, inequality between the eyes, is more dangerous than mere lack of keen vision. Recently, California motor vehicle experts tested seventy-six drivers for a company which had an average of less than half an accident per man in a six-year period. They found only two cases of imbalance—but these two men accounted for nine accidents between them!

Don't imagine you're a freak simply because you find you need glasses, for your chances of having correct natural vision are only about one in four. "Seventy-five per cent of the Caucasian race are born with defective eyesight," says Dr. Arthur Hoare, Los Angeles eye specialist. "The typical Caucasian face, with deep-set aquiline feature, usually has a short eyeball and hence is farsighted. Asiatics and Teutons, however, have long eyeballs and are nearsighted."

If you're suffering from eyestrain you'll notice one or more of the following symptoms: headache; pain in and around the eyes; dread of light; blurring and jumping of the type when you read; sties; inflammation or watering of the eyes; dryness and itching of eyeballs and lids; feeling of "sand in the eyes," drowsiness, or even nausea.

140 Metal Frame for Color Film Makes Projection Easy

Increasing popularity of natural color photography has resulted in the development of a metal frame for mounting two-by-two inch color films for projection. Replacing the binding tape previously used, it consists of two interlocking metal pieces which frame the film after it is mounted between glass plates.



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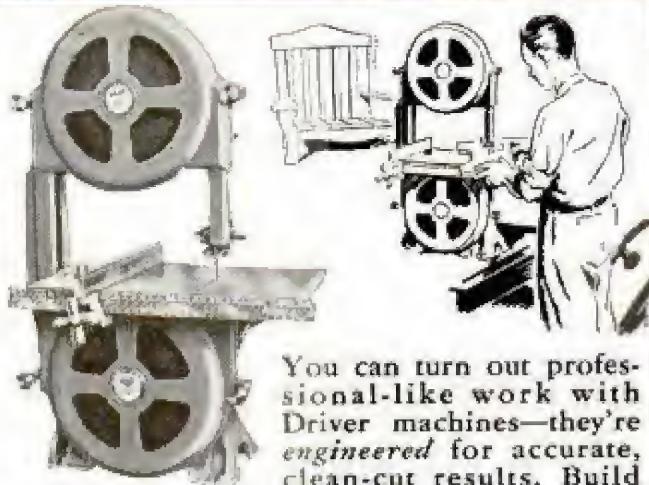
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produced enough friction to grip the tire.

Down in the jungle, where the thick, steamy air hangs over the land like a blanket, it had been hot day and night. But up in the desert, the fierce daytime heat escapes through the thin, dry air as soon as the sun goes down. With only two thin cotton blankets, we were cold at night. One day Flood dickered with a band of wandering Tuaregs, mysterious veiled riders of the Sahara, and got two gorgeous sixteen-foot hand-woven blankets. At home, as collectors' pieces, they would have been all but priceless, but we were glad enough to sleep in them now.

We battled our way through an endless wilderness of dunes, vast, towering mountains of sand that rose ever higher and



Rear tires were run almost flat to get proper traction in the desert sand

higher as we pushed on toward a French fort on Lake Chad. The caravan trail stretched away in a series of endless corrugations like the track of a gigantic roller coaster made of deep, soft, shifting sand. We took off fenders, taillights—everything that would make our outfits an ounce lighter—and floundered on.

Our only breathing spells were the cuvettes, those oasis-like depressions in the sand, whose level floors seemed smoothly paved with hard, black dirt. Occasionally there was a pond in the lowest spot, its waters impregnated with salt or sodium carbonate. Primitive tribesmen poured the water into thick grass evaporating cones, shaped like inverted umbrellas, collected

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the bitter crystals which formed on the bottom, and traded them to passing caravans for the necessities of life.

One afternoon we lost the trail and came to a halt at the foot of the biggest dune of all. Like Mount Everest it towered above us in the evening sun. Flood dropped off his kit, took a run for it, with his machine bucking and plunging through the sand like a broncho, and I tried to push him to the top. We didn't get half way.

Five attempts we made, and failed. Gasp-
ing for breath, we threw ourselves on the sand. Then we thought of the Tuareg blankets. We spread out those beautiful hand-woven masterpieces, with our tar-
paulin and two American blankets, at intervals up the face of the dune, and shinnied and slithered up over them to the top! Then, we staggered up with our kit.

Next morning a black-bearded French-
man came trotting up on his horse. He was a surveyor, laying out the route for the projected military road.

"Don't lose heart, my friends," he said. "The dunes are not made for motorcy-
cles. Forget the trail and follow the cuvettes. The longest way around is the shortest way to the Red sea. And if you get lost, the natives will always guide you to the next fort. The Sahara is a friendly place, if you learn to understand it and are not afraid."

From then on we followed the cuvettes, and used the caravan trail only as a land-
mark to steer by. Sometimes we were miles to the north of it, sometimes miles to the south.

When we reached the French fort on Lake Chad, swift runners set out to carry the news to outlying native chiefs. By camel, horseback, donkey-back, attended by their councillors and legions, they came to do honor to these two incredible white men who were crossing Africa on their mechanical camels. Many of the warriors wore chain mail, like the knights of old.

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The natives staged a grand fantasia and

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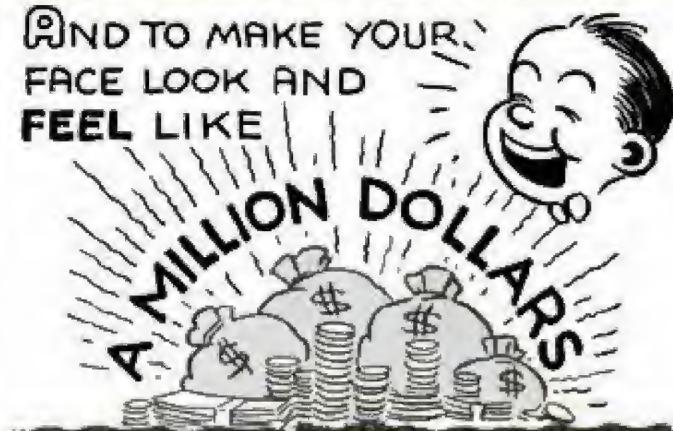
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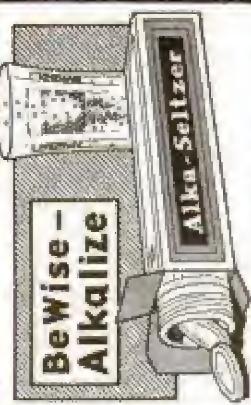
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cavalry demonstration in our honor. We were two renowned and mighty knights, visitors at an African King Arthur's court. I took the old Kanouri emir, "King Arthur" himself, for a ride in my sidecar. But a Mohammedan emir's clothes aren't made for motorcycling. His flying robes got caught in the spokes and wrapped around the axle, pulling his head down over the side of the little tin bathtub so far that his ear was badly burned by the spinning tire before I could stop. But he came up grinning and thought it was all part of the ride.

The trail from Nguigmi to Mao, we were told, would be sandier than anything we had had yet. But we were in no mood to give up now. We demounted the sidecars, draped them across the hump of a camel, let still more air out of our back tires, and learned to skim over the soft sand like an aquaplane rider. Flood, who had never ridden a two-wheeled contraption, took sixteen falls the first day and I took eleven.

Then came the morning Flood forgot to turn on his oil. Before he realized what was wrong, the damage had been done. Only a burnt-out wristpin bushing, but out there in the desert, a thousand miles from a garage, it certainly sounded like the end. We took off the cylinder. The piston wobbled crazily, but a paper-thin layer of bronze was left. How long would it hold out? Maybe we could find something at Mao but we were still 200 miles from Mao, and running low on gas.

That afternoon we lost the trail again. That wouldn't have been serious except that without the sidecars we could carry only two gallons of water apiece. We were down to two quarts each, and pretty thirsty, when we went to bed that night.

By noon next day there was just a swallow or two left in each of our water cans, and apparently there wasn't a human habitation within a thousand miles. By four o'clock we could hardly stay upright on our machines and our tongues had swollen. Still no sign of a village or the trail.

There was nothing to do but wait. We lay down in the scanty shade of our motorcycles to conserve what little moisture was left in our bodies.

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The Biggest Thing on Earth

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river so huge hammerhead cranes could move back and forth to place the concrete. As the concrete now rises up around it this enormous steel skeleton is being buried in the dam. Aside from this metal, 72,000,000 pounds of reinforcing steel are being placed in the powerhouse bases at either side of the dam and around the inspection galleries that weave back and forth through the mass. Two thousand miles of steel tubing are being set in the concrete so cooling water can be circulated through it to carry off the heat created by the chemical action of cement hydration.

Today the nerve centers of the dam are in the two roaring, vibrating "houses of magic" where the concrete that goes into the dam is mixed. Into these houses pour endless streams of aggregates every hour of the night and day. Between them, "Eastmix" and "Westmix" digest 15,000 barrels of cement, 21,750 tons of sand and gravel, and 360,000 gallons of water every day. On an average 15,000 cubic yards of concrete are mixed and placed in a twenty-four-hour period.

If a government inspector should accompany you to the eight-sided, eight-story "Eastmix" plant you would climb up into the ear-splitting din of a gloomy room where four four-yard revolving mixers alternately gulp meals of cement, rock, and water from a central feeding chute and then, two minutes later, tilt over and discharge their loads of finished concrete into another chute that carries the material to buckets resting on flatcars below.

Above the mixing chamber, in the comparative quiet of a glassed-in office, the chief mixer controls and regulates each batch of concrete. His office is almost as complicated as the cockpit of a transcontinental passenger plane. Flickering red and green lights on a dispatch board tell him which crews far out on the dam want concrete, and the amount and type of material they need. In front of him and above his head are push-button controls and valves by which the automatically measured doses of water and materials that go into the mixing machines are released, as well as time controls that automatically stop and dump each batch at the right time.

Every action is timed to the split second.

Sixteen seconds are allowed for loading a mixer, two minutes for mixing, and six seconds for the mixer to discharge its load. Thirty-two cubic yards of concrete are mixed by the two plants every two and one-half minutes. Against one wall of the chief mixer's office a dozen electrically operated steel pens ink jagged lines on the moving paper of a huge graph, telling the mixer as a visual check the exact amount of materials that go into each batch and the viscosity of the finished concrete.

Down below, the loaded flatcars are taken in tow by a locomotive and are switched to the track that leads to that part of the dam where concrete is needed. At the end of the trip the tackle from a hammerhead crane or a gantry crane noses down, picks up a four-yard bucket of concrete as lightly as a feather, and swings it out and down to a waiting crew. The foreman of the crew wears a telephone set inside his "iron hat" so that he can tell the crane operator, who may possibly be out of sight far above him, just where to place the big bucket.

The dam grows in five-foot "lifts" of wet concrete, placed in alternate blocks measuring up to fifty feet square. The forms that hold each block are shaped to provide vertical keys so that when concrete is poured in the intervening blocks the adjoining masses become locked and tied in to each other. With both mixing plants in operation a cubic yard of concrete is added to the dam every five and one-half seconds.

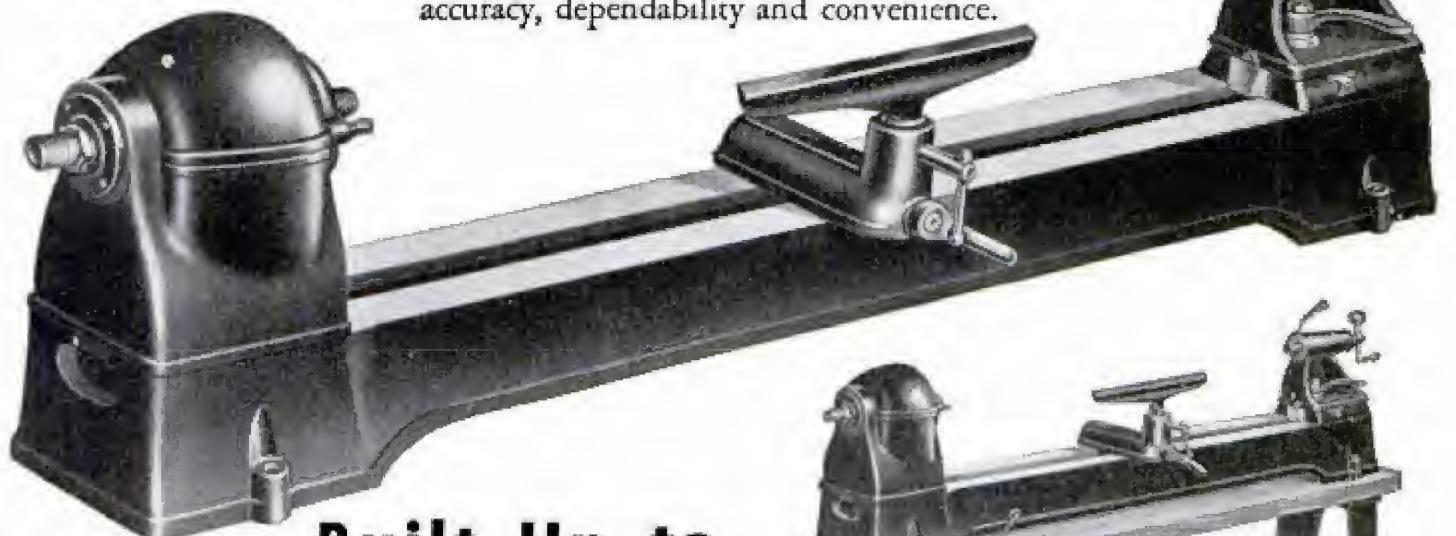
Aside from the agricultural empire that is to be made possible by the dam, it will generate enough power to serve markets as far away as Idaho and Oregon, even after pumping requirements are subtracted. The reservoir behind the dam will have an area of 128 square miles and a maximum depth of 375 feet. Its capacity of 10,000,000 acre-feet of water will be equivalent to 2,000 gallons for every person on earth. After one-tenth of the Columbia's flow is diverted for irrigation more than enough water will always be available to keep the generators in continuous operation and to maintain the river level at approximately twice its past minimum flow. A huge fish hatchery is planned below the dam to raise and dis-

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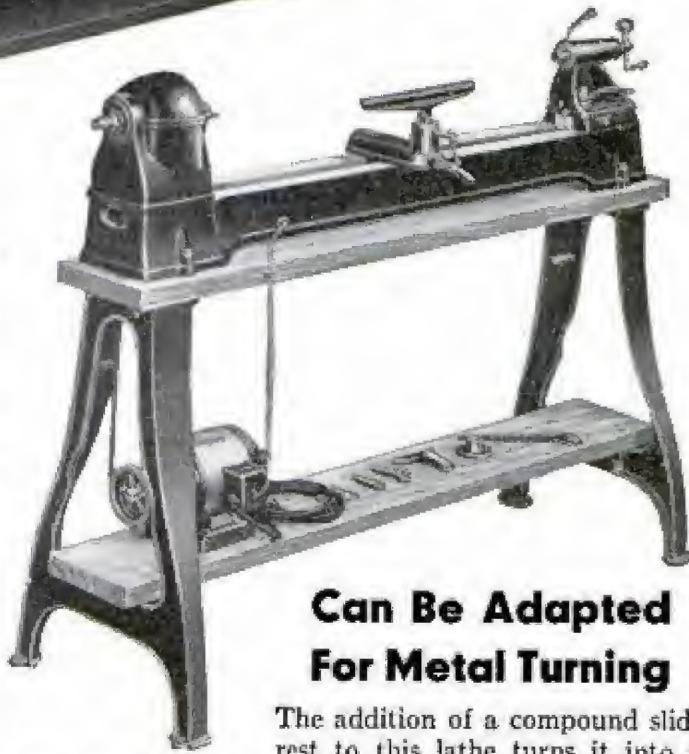
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tribute young salmon, since the hordes of salmon that normally travel to the upper reaches of the river will be unable to get by the dam.

Settlement of the Columbia basin area will not start before 1942 and authorities think that it will take from twenty-five to forty years to irrigate and settle the region. Farmland speculation is being prevented. Crops that are non-competitive with those of rainfall areas are to be selected.

Construction of the Grand Coulee dam started in 1934 under a \$29,300,000 contract awarded to the Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier company by the Bureau of Reclamation. This initial contract, calling for construction of the dam up to a height of 177 feet, is now being completed. Additional contracts are to be awarded for finishing the dam. It is estimated that the dam and powerhouses will cost a total of \$178,790,000 and that the combined dam and irrigation project will represent a total investment of \$376,631,000.

When finished, the dam will be 550 feet high, 4,300 feet long at the crest, 500 feet wide at the base, and thirty feet wide at the crest. It will contain a total of 11,200,000 cubic yards of concrete, and probably will require another three years, at the present rate of work, to complete.

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The Spotlight on Puppets

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action principle. This would eliminate strings. Instead, he set them in position between each exposure. This technique had the advantage of being three-dimensional.

While his experiments were going forward, a Russian film based on Gulliver's travels was brought to this country for a limited showing. Its cast was made up of a fourteen-year-old boy and 3,000 puppets and was filmed by the stop-action method. Convinced he was on the right track, Patterson went to Hollywood. Paramount became interested in his ideas and intends to produce some short subjects in this manner within the near future. Meanwhile, Patterson is working before the camera with his troupe of marionettes—or "personettes," as he calls them. They stand about three feet high and are operated by complicated sets of strings, which control

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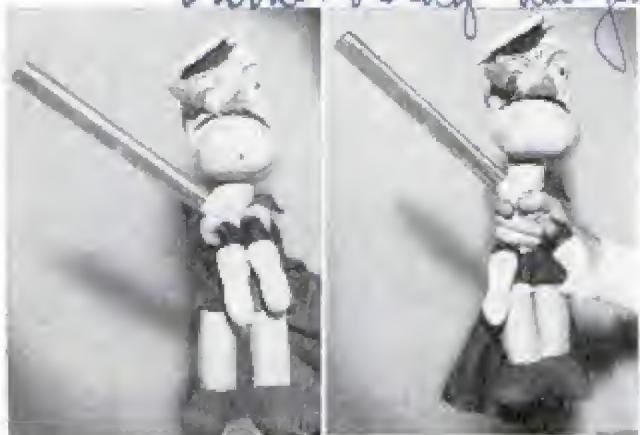
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not only their limbs and necks but even their finger joints, lips and eyelids. The artist has been working on a group of puppet caricatures of actors and actresses.

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To Tony Sarg, dean of the marionette world, and his staff go the credit for the origination of such stunts as having puppets pick up and lay down objects, smile, smoke pipes and other amazing feats. The



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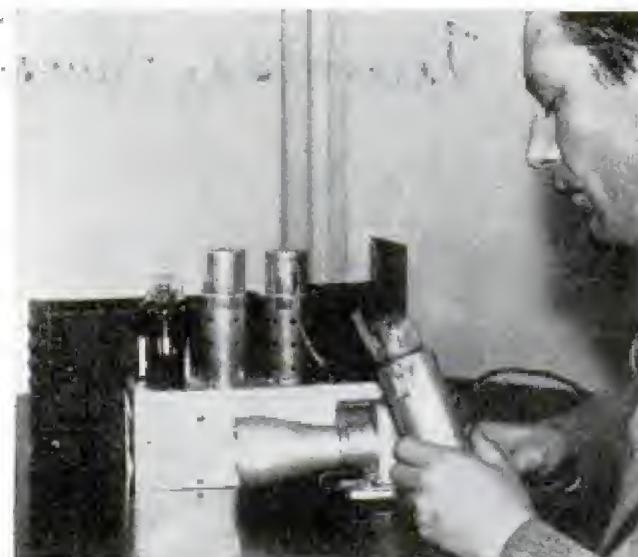
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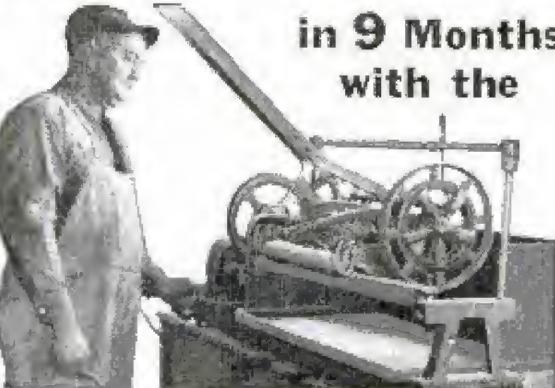
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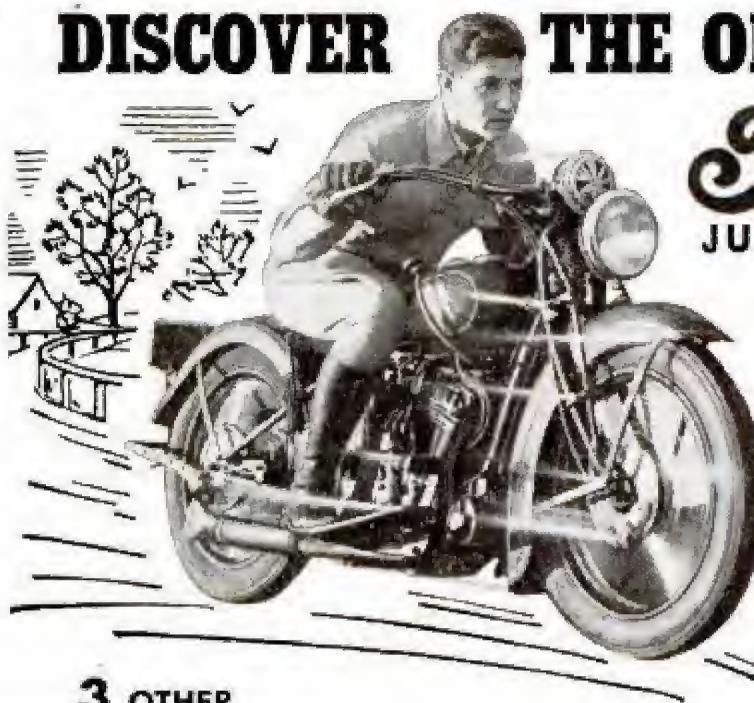
device; no test instruments are required. When put together, the controls should work as shown in photo A; the selection of any one button releases any other that may be in the down position. The tuner is mounted as close to the variable ganged condenser in the set as possible. In most cases the best location is directly above the dial as shown in the upper sketch. Four holes are drilled for the mounting screws, and a $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. slot is cut in the receiver cabinet to accommodate the seven push rods as indicated in the drilling template Fig. 2. When the unit is installed this slot is covered by the escutcheon.

The connections to the stationary-plate terminals of a 2-gang tuning condenser are clearly shown in Fig. 1. If the set is a TRF type using a 3-gang condenser, the first (or antenna) section of the condenser is not connected. In superheterodyne receivers with 3-gang condensers, one of the sections connected must be the one that controls the oscillator. The other connection can be made to either of the other two sections in the condenser. Ground is always soldered to the condenser frame.

A sheet of call-letter labels for the various broadcasting stations is supplied with the kit; any six of these may be selected. To make the first adjustment, set your receiver for the broadcast band and turn the dial pointer to where stations at about 1,700 kc. are tuned in. The stations desired for automatic tuning should now be tuned in by adjusting the trimmer condensers on the tuning unit with a small screwdriver, in the manner to be described. Buttons 1 and 2 are used for stations between 530 and 900 kc.; buttons 3 and 4 for stations between 700 and 1,250 kc. Buttons 5 and 6 are for those above 1,200 kc.

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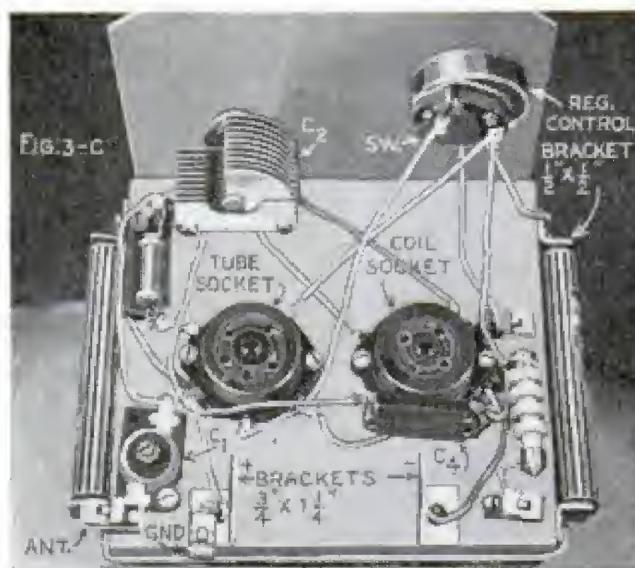
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One-Tube DX Short-Wave Set

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wire, with push-back insulation, is used, and all connections should be soldered carefully with rosin-core solder. The r.f. choke is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ millihenry type. A list of the original parts, with additional tuning data, can be obtained from Popular Mechanics radio department without charge. The blueprint number is R-252.

Use a good outdoor antenna and connect the ground to a cold-water pipe if possible. Headphones should be sensitive low-resistance type not exceeding a total resistance of 2,000 ohms; a single-phone unit is recommended. To avoid "dead spots" in the tuning range, the antenna trimmer



condenser (C_1) should be turned almost open, with a small screwdriver, for the 18 to 31-meter band and closed slightly for each of the longer wave-length bands. Tightening antenna coupling in this manner increases volume but if carried too far will prevent oscillation. In tuning, advance regeneration control until a soft thud, indicating oscillation, is heard; now back off the control slowly until oscillation ceases. The point just before oscillation begins is the most sensitive position for DX reception of foreign short-wave phone stations.

If the builder wishes to increase the volume of the set, he may add the one-tube audio amplifier shown with the broadcast receiver R-227 of this same type, which appeared in the October, 1937, issue. This amplifier diagram is included in R-252. An additional 6-volt flashlight "B" battery is required to operate the amplifier.

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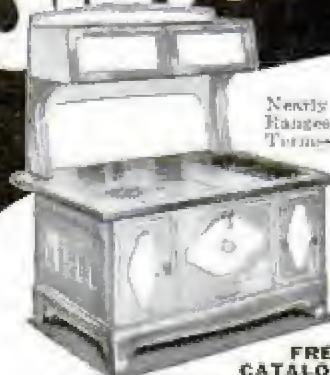
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Wild Life Goes to Town

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been his principal crop. He hatches the eggs, feeds the birds and places them with the state game commission for "planting" in various hunting areas. This year he placed about 9,000 pheasants and 600 quail and carried over a laying flock of about 1,200 birds for next year's business. He hatches the eggs in an electric incubator with a capacity of 7,500 eggs. Hatching efficiency for pheasant and quail is about eighty-three per cent. The incubation period is twenty-four to twenty-six days.

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Browne also raises native animals and fur bearers. Raccoons are his biggest animal crop. He keeps about forty and dis-

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Browne's deer raising is still in experimental stages. To date, sixteen illegally captured fawns have been given him by state game wardens and he is raising the fawns with the hope that the second generation may prove suitable for return to the wilds. The deer breed well in captivity, but become trustful and affectionate pets, grow fat and slow-moving, and are usually incapable of roughing it in the wilds. A mature deer flourishes on half the feed of a milk cow, and makes excellent use of pasture. Browne believes that home production of venison might prove profitable, but this is illegal in a few states.

The mink is a small hardy animal comparatively easy to raise. It eats meat. Brooder houses with fenced runways of the type used in raising chickens make ideal mink quarters. The one serious difficulty lies in getting the minks to breed.

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Browne finds that foxes are the worst enemies of native game birds and also advises vigilance against stray cats and against sparrows which carry contagious diseases to all forms of poultry.

Probably the most marked breeding success to date has been that of crossing the black fox and silver fox to produce a more rugged animal with a more dependable pelt value. Crossing of cattle and Indian water buffalo was one of the most spectacular developments in the cattle industry. Maine authorities are seeking to crossbreed the moose with beef cattle to produce a range animal with greater food value.

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These Lights Must Not Fail

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cessity for twenty-nine per cent additional power. In certain instances, power increases up to sixty-two per cent over average needs have been noted.

The behemoth of the New York network is the Hudson avenue generating station in Brooklyn, which has a capacity of 770,000 kilowatts. Close at its heels is the Hell Gate station in the Bronx, its capacity being 605,000 kilowatts. Their over-all assessments for 1937 were \$69,495,800 and \$63,493,700 respectively. For the previous year, the eighty-four-storied Empire State building was assessed at \$28,500,000.

The greatest task ever confronting the dispatcher occurred one rainy afternoon a few years ago when he glanced at the Hell Gate section of the automatic board. It was blazing with green lights: a danger signal in reverse, for on this board, red lights mean switches closed and working, while green means open.

In an instant he saw his problem: every switch letting current out of the second largest generating station had dropped. The automatic bell system was set to ringing in every powerhouse and substation—a major service interruption of unknown duration. He then called the Hell Gate station supervisor by telephone. The connection was made without difficulty, as the wires had been placed in four cables, each being routed through a different street to guard against an interruption in service. A short circuit in a cable leading from a turbine to the high-tension galleries, he learned, had caused every piece of apparatus to stop dead.

A ready supply of electricity was his first problem. At 4:00 o'clock, fifteen minutes before the accident, Hell Gate had been producing 240,000 kilowatts. The supply from the connection with the Niagara-Hudson system, which is ordinarily distributed through Hell Gate, had been 75,000. The total loss for the moment was 315,000 kilowatts. This represented nearly half of the average 4:00 o'clock load for the whole system, which would normally climb toward a 6:00 o'clock peak above 900,000.

The operator's first move was to draw on the reserve capacities of the Hudson avenue station, the Niagara-Hudson system with new distribution, the Sherman

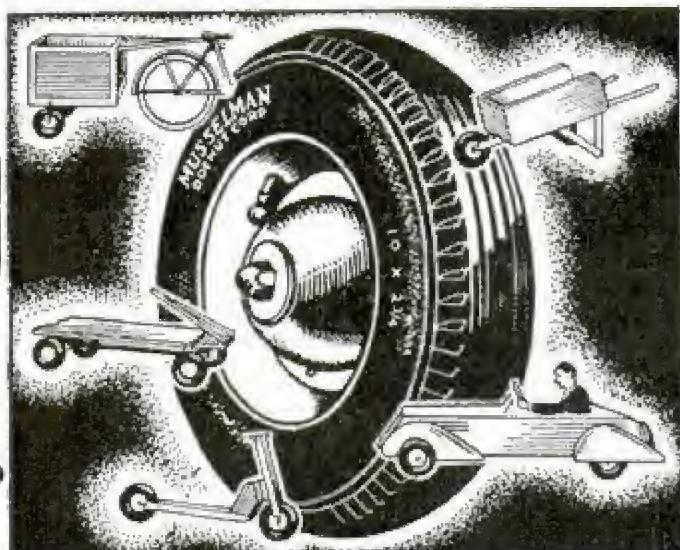
Creek station in upper Manhattan, which usually generates little but distributes current from the crippled station, and the frequency changers, which convert twenty-five-cycle current into sixty-cycle alternating. Twenty-five cycle current was available from three points, including Hell Gate. By drawing 570,000 kilowatts from the Brooklyn station; 75,000 kilowatts from the upper Manhattan plant and 125,000 kilowatts from the Niagara-Hudson company, 700,000 kilowatts were available at 5:00 o'clock, one hour after the breakdown.

Then it was discovered that the bus bar at Hell Gate was crippled and current could not be distributed through it. A bus bar is a device to which current is carried after it has been generated. It is about six inches by eight inches in cross section and approximately 400 feet long.

Tapping the bar at intervals are feeder cables carrying current to a section of the city. When the short circuit occurred in one of the cables leading from the generators to the bar, which is divided into six sections, it instantly increased the power enormously with the result that the cable became overloaded and was fused. The sudden excess of power also burned out the cables, which, in turn, grounded the generators and fused and destroyed parts of the bus bar. After another series of short circuits from another cause, five of the six sections were out of service.

By repairing certain sections of this bar and re-routing current through another station, service was restored everywhere except in one area of Manhattan proper. Here it was necessary to start from a complete standstill. The immediate demands made by lights and machinery left anticipatorily on, produced a pull on the wires. As a result fuses popped, transformers burned and cables melted.

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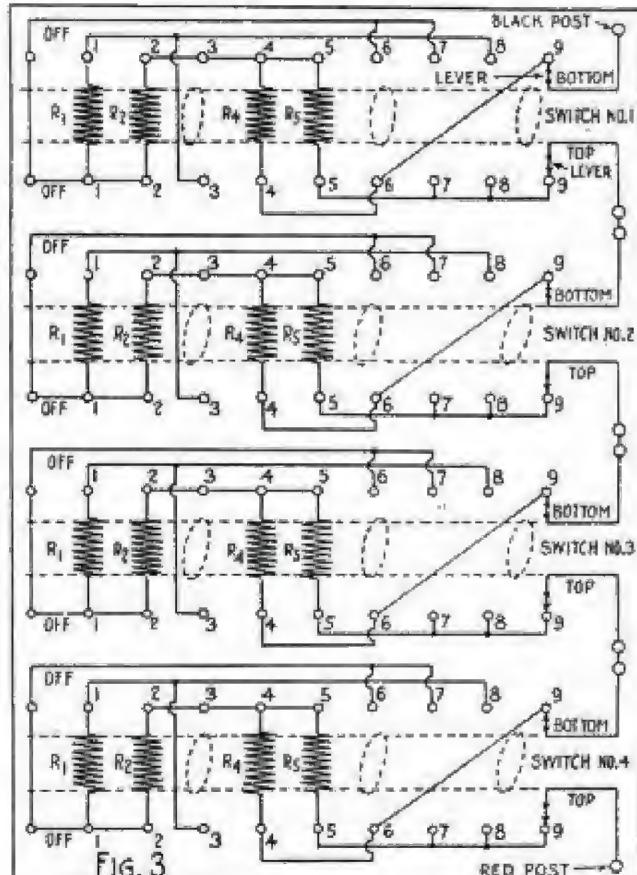
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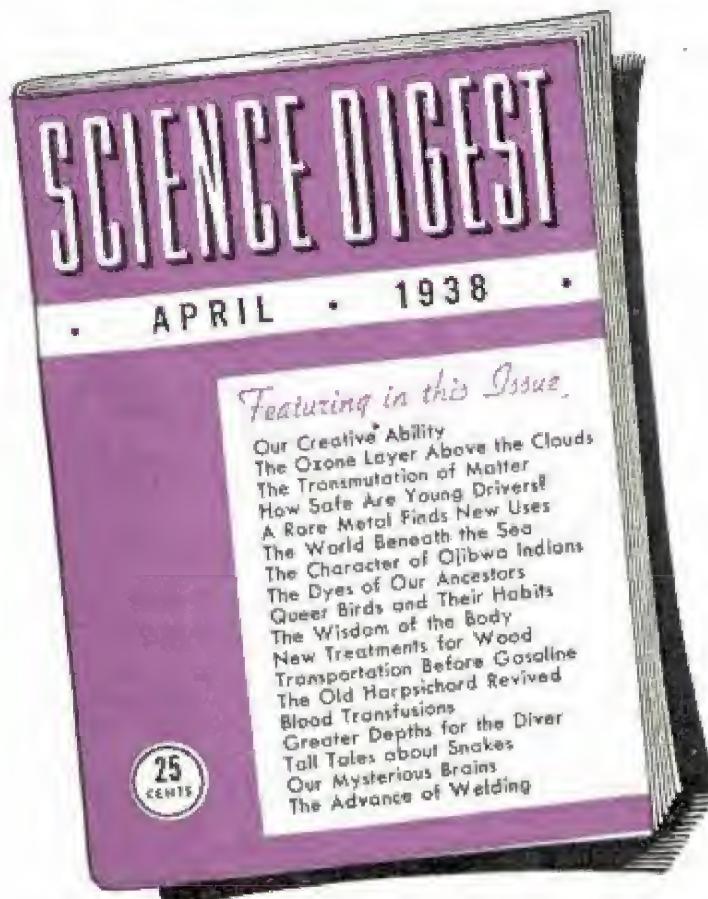
arrangement and connections to the various contacts on the top and bottom decks of the switch. Each of the four double-deck switches are wired in exactly the same manner. All of the wiring on each switch should be completed first and the resistors attached later. The assembly is such that the resistors mount in line with the shaft of each rotary switch, and always between terminals in line with each other. This permits the use of short leads and makes for compact assembly. The various contact



points are so arranged that it is possible to have only four resistors in each decade. Please note that points 1, 2, 4 and 5 permit the operator to obtain any number from 1 to 9 by means of different combinations.

Figs. 2 and 2-A show the switch and resistor grouping looking at the rear of the panel assembly; a top view appears in photo Fig. 2-B. Series connections for each of the four decades, and the start and finish leads to the binding posts, are indicated in Fig. 2. Only two binding posts are necessary, as, at the "off" position of the switch, a shunt eliminates all resistors from the circuit. The schematic diagram is given in Fig. 3.

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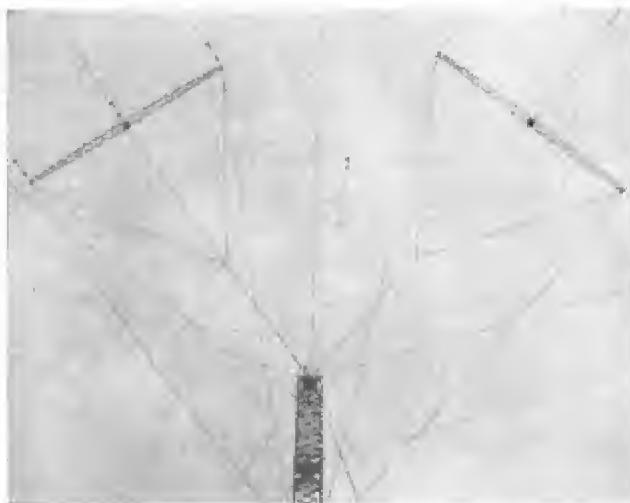
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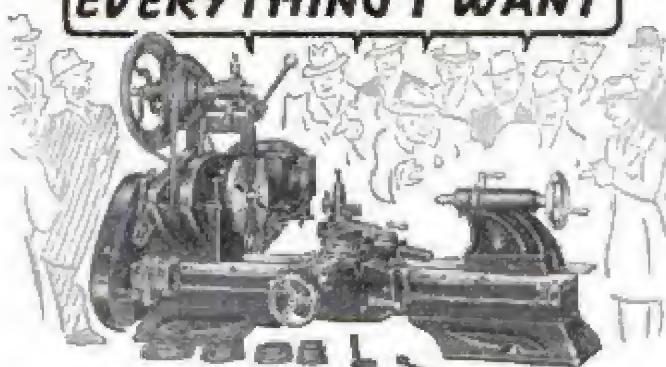
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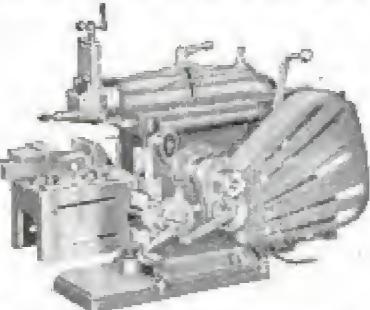
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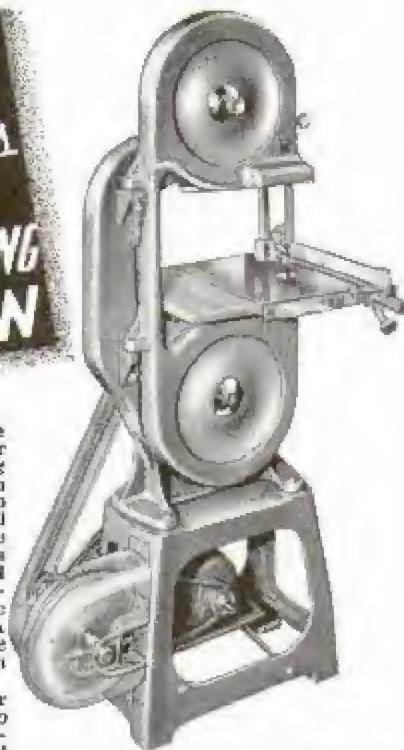
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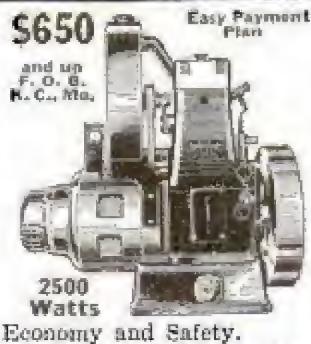
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that they would serve a double purpose, as an anti-aircraft battery or in repulsing light surface craft, as destroyers or submarines. In addition, their upper works will bristle with the navy's fifty-caliber machine guns, which have shown remarkable efficiency against aerial dive-bombing and strafing attacks.

It has been announced that the ships' top speed will be about twenty-seven knots, but informed observers believe that when they run their trials they will show speeds of nearer thirty knots. This would indicate main engines of well over 100,000 horsepower, against the 40,000 horsepower housed in the modernized "Idaho," with top speeds of twenty-two knots.

In contours, the new craft promise to have low, rakish outlines of warlike aspect, resembling closest, among existing capital ships, France's new "Strasbourg" and "Dunkerque." Their bridge structure will be a heavily armored tower, far more nearly impervious to shell fragments than the similar structure gracing the reconstructed "Idaho."

Undoubtedly, the new ships each will carry four observation seaplanes, but whether these "fire-control eyes" will be launched by catapults, as are the planes of our existing battleships, is another matter about which the navy is keeping silent. There remains the possibility that before they are commissioned the observation planes may be shifted to either small battle-line aircraft carriers or even to cruisers.

The navy department has announced its intention of laying down two more battleships during the coming year and it is expected that three others will be started shortly thereafter. Seven of the U. S. navy's fifteen battleships will have passed the age of obsolescence before the "North Carolina" and "Washington" are completed and other leading powers already are building far beyond America's modest program.

Under great secrecy, Japan is this year laying down the first two of four projected battleships. They are expected to displace 40,000 tons and mount sixteen-inch guns.

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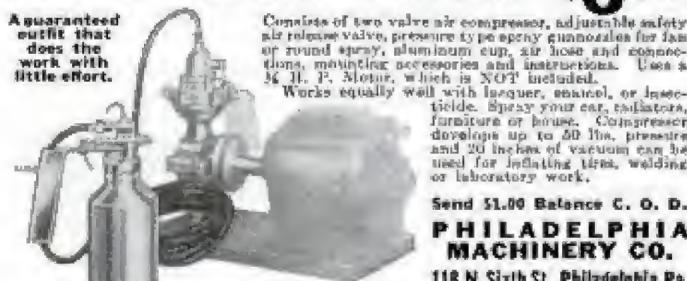
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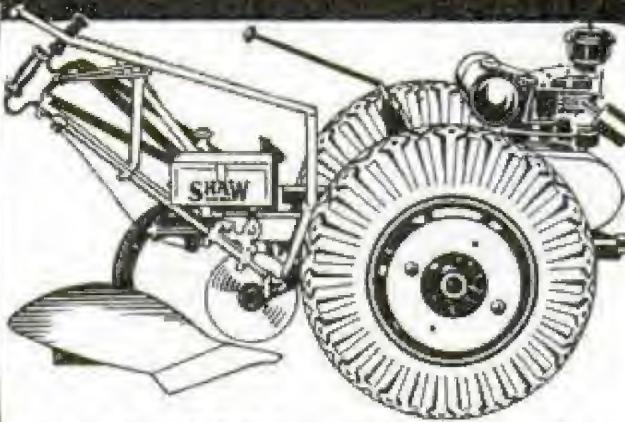
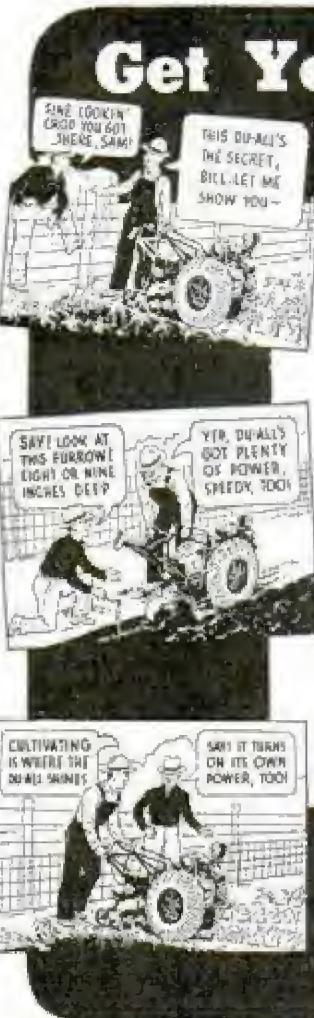
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will approach the new American craft in all-around battle effectiveness. Carrying eight fifteen-inch guns above the huge 160,000-horsepower plant necessary to give them a speed of thirty-three knots, the Jean Bart type ship nevertheless will devote 15,000 tons of their total displacement to armor. They will be squadron sisters to the "Strasbourg" and "Dunkerque," of 26,500 tons and mounting eight thirteen-inch guns. The "Dunkerque" already is in commission. The "Strasbourg" will be out this year. Five more 35,000-ton battleships are proposed in a five-year program.

Germany is building the 26,000-tonners "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau," of thirty-one-knot speed and mounting nine eleven-inch guns, and has just laid down two 35,000-ton ships, mounting fourteen-inch main batteries.

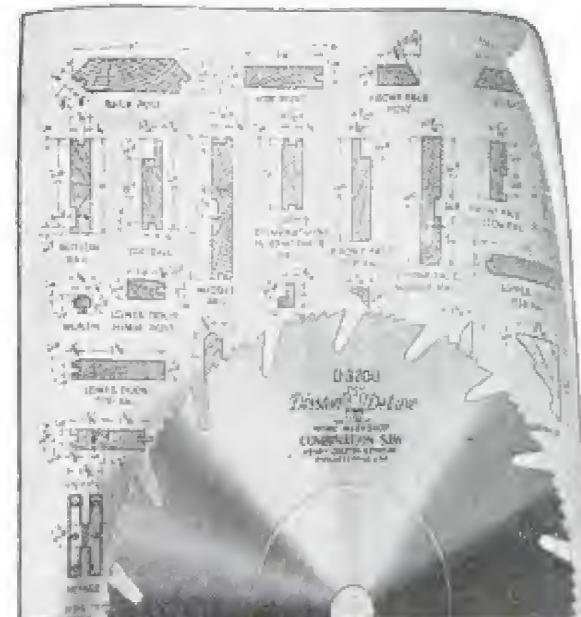
Across the Channel, Great Britain has a full-year's work completed on two 40,000-ton thirty-one-knot ships, the "King George V" and the "Prince of Wales," and soon will lay down three sister ships, the "Anson," "Beatty" and "Jellicoe."

Although all five leading naval powers are accompanying their capital ship construction with veritable fleets of new cruisers, submarines, aircraft carriers and destroyers, this huge battleship program is proof that their leaders believe that the capital ship has by no means outlived its usefulness, nor that the aerial bomb and poison gas endanger its existence.

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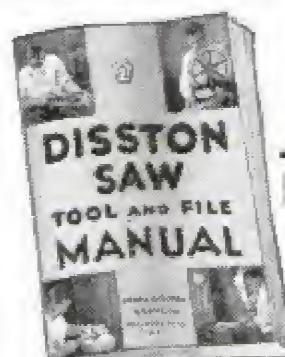
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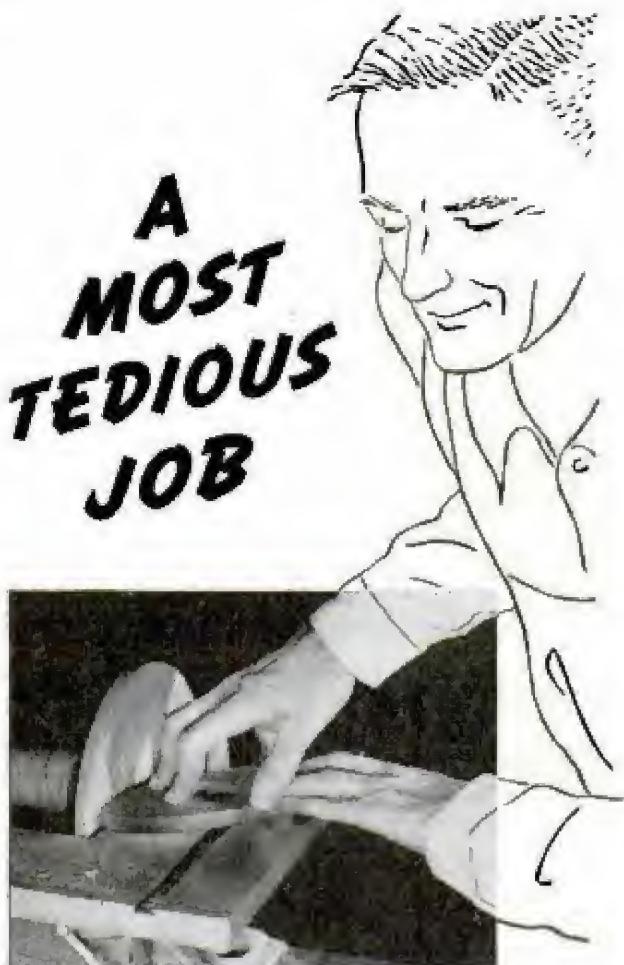
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in the rear, set on a carriage which allows a three-foot clearance above the ground. The two large wheels are set forward of the diphrobenth so that if the apparatus should hit anything while being towed, they will act as bumpers."

In lowering the diphrobenth to the sub-surface cliffs and valleys at the 500 to 1,000 foot levels there may be some difficulty with the undercarriage. Barton is prepared for trouble at this depth after having observed the rugged slopes from the bathysphere. For this reason, the wheels are easily replaceable if broken.

"At ocean bottom, at a depth of about a mile, however, the sub-sea floor is comparatively level," he said. "The diphrobenth's descent may then be compared to an airplane slowly coming in for a landing, except that when its wheels touch bottom, it will continue to move forward as it is towed."

"The diphrobenth will be much lighter in weight than the bathysphere. Made of welded steel, capable of standing a pressure of 2,650 pounds per square foot, at a depth of 6,000 feet it will weigh half a ton, as compared to the one-ton bathysphere. Loaded with equipment it will weigh three-quarters of a ton."

Barton estimates that with the 6,000 feet of steel hoisting cable weighing two tons and the one-ton electrical cable, the total weight of the underwater apparatus will not exceed three and three-quarters tons. The powerful five-ton winches used to lower the bathysphere should be ample for this load, but the explorer-inventor has an ingenious trick up his sleeve should there be the slightest trouble. He anticipated Professor Piccard's idea of using extra balloons to give added buoyancy by attaching drums of gasoline to his own particular vehicle for the same purpose.

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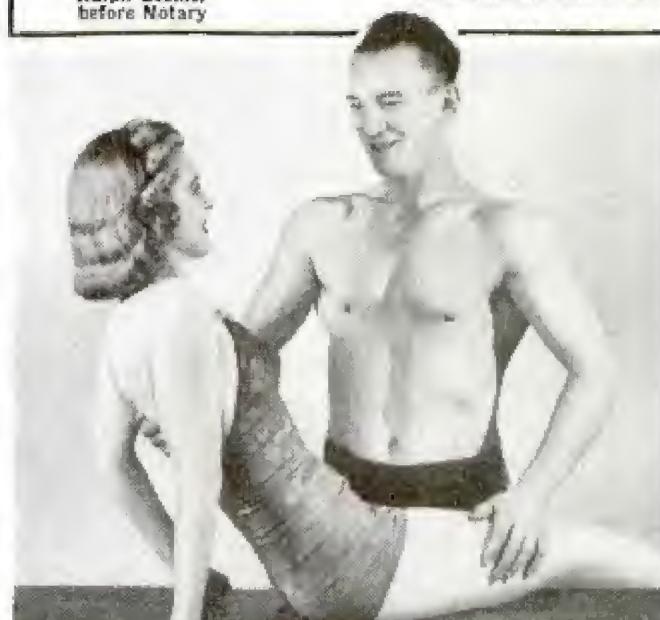
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with portable oxygen tanks and purifiers when Barton is in it, will have thirty-five cubic feet of air space compared to the forty-two cubic feet of the bathysphere. He considers this sufficient since both he and Dr. Beebe occupied the bathysphere for more than three consecutive hours at a time without discomfort.

Another difference in the two is that there will be but two fused quartz windows in the diphrobenth, recessed vertically in the front of the chamber to prevent damage in case of collision and with the lines of sight converging between the front wheels at a distance of between twenty and thirty feet, the limit of good visibility with a 2,000-watt light at great depths.

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"When completed, the diphrobenth will be subjected to at least ten experimental dives to the ocean floor before I will be lowered into it. In these tests, a motor-driven motion-picture camera will take movies of life on the bottom of the sea automatically. The electric cable which furnishes current for the 2,000-watt light will have two conductors, one for the camera which may be started from the surface vessel and one for the telephone which will be hooked up when I descend later.

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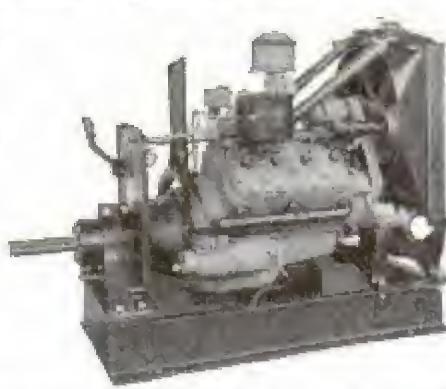
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